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NAZI-SOVIET DIPLOMACY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. The Nazi Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, who recently returned to Berlin from Rome, will visit Moscow in the near future, while M. Molotov or another leading Soviet statesman will visit Berlin, says the political editor of the "News Chronicle."

The paper adds that the conversations, which will be a sequel to the Brenner meeting, may be extended so as to include Italian representatives.—Havas.

"NEW ORDER IN EUROPE"

Berlin, To-day.

Scorning—officially and outwardly, anyway—at the R.A.F. raid on Sylt, Nazi circles prefer to hint darkly about a big diplomatic coup.

A conference of the Foreign Ministers of Germany, Russia and Italy will be held, "possibly within a day or two." This is "proof" that not even a "British military smokescreen" or French Cabinet alterations can alter the Reich's "diplomatic advantages."

The conference will be along the lines of a "New Order in Europe."—Reuter.

*** There is no truth in the rumour Mr. Wang Ching-wei will attend!

REYNAUD APPROVED

Paris, To-day.

A strong impression was produced throughout France by the selection of M. Reynaud as the new Premier since his recent speeches had found general approval.

In these speeches, M. Reynaud had asked the French nation to realize the seriousness of the present situation and to understand that the struggle with Nazi Germany will be won only because every Frenchman is bound to accept as indispensable the heavy sacrifices which the war must entail.

M. Reynaud is also known as the staunchest proponent among French statesmen of the closest possible Anglo-French co-operation.—Havas.

The French warship "Lamotte Piquet" with Vice-Admiral J. Decoux aboard, is expected in the Colony next week.

TO-MORROW BEING GOOD FRIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE OF THE "CHINA MAIL"

JAPANESE LAND & LEAVE AGAIN: COAST SHELLED

(FROM "CHINA MAIL" STAFF REPORTERS)

IN THE ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL REPORTS, THE FACTS ABOUT JAPANESE OPERATIONS OVER HONG KONG'S BORDER ARE MEAGRE AND CONFUSING.

It can, however, be stated reliably that Japanese forces, variously estimated at between 400 and 700 men landed early this morning from ships in Chekwan Bay.

Police and Customs officials heard the firing of heavy guns between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. from Japanese warships. One refugee stated that two transports and two warships arrived off Namtau last night and that it was from these ships that the landing party came ashore.

It must be emphasised, however, that official sources have absolutely no information to confirm the presence in the bay of military transports.

The Japanese forces which landed met with some opposition, but they were in undisputed possession of Namtau by 9 a.m.

This afternoon, they had already returned to their ships and there is reason to believe that they consisted of nothing more disturbing than a foraging party as no planes have been observed.

REFUGEES CROSS BORDER

Some 300 to 600 refugees crossed the frontier into British territory, but not one of them had actually seen a Japanese and their fears seem to have been due to a sudden panic following the firing early this morning, which gave rise to rumours of bombing from the air.

The Chinese asked for permission

to drive cattle over the border, confirming the impression that the Japanese were engaged on a foraging raid.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-East winds, fresh; cloudy generally.

ONE WHO HAS NOT RESIGNED

Paris, To-day. One Minister in M. Daladier's Cabinet has not yet resigned. He is M. Jules Julien, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, who is at present conferring with Major Tryon, the British Postmaster-General, in London, and was unable, therefore, to resign.

M. Daladier's Cabinet was formed in April, 1938, and was the 106th of the Third Republic and the 16th of the Legislature. It is the third Cabinet over which he has presided.

On September 14, 1939, the war caused some changes in it.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE LAND ON WANTSAI

Macao, To-day. Portuguese troops were landed on Wantsai yesterday following withdrawal of the Japanese forces.

It is reported that the island will be turned into a refugee zone.—Our Own Correspondent.

"ALL HELL LOOSE"

Copenhagen, To-day. Confirmation of reports that the R.A.F. blew up a large ammunition dump on the island of Sylt would appear to be contained in an eye-witness story telephoned to Copenhagen by Neill Schmidt, an innkeeper, on the Danish frontier.

At 9.30 a.m. he said, a bomb exploded and "then all hell broke loose." There was a gigantic explosion, and Schmidt shot high into the air. Explosion on explosion followed in rapid succession and debris flew high into the sky, outlined against the glare of the rising sun.—Reuter.



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RESULTS OF MACDONALD VISIT TO PARIS

London, To-day.

REUTER UNDERSTANDS it is intended to establish definite machinery in London and Paris for permanent Anglo-French colonial co-operation, which will enable regular communication to be maintained between experts of the two governments on different questions concerning them.

This development follows the week-end visit to Paris of Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Colonies Secretary, to see M. George Mandel, his opposite number, to perfect collaboration between the British and French Colonial Empires within the framework of the general agreement last November.

A liaison officer will be appointed in the Colonial Office for this purpose.

The system will be extended to the colonies themselves and conferences between French and British Governors on common problems are envisaged.

It is hoped other colonial powers like the Dutch and Belgians may in due time collaborate with the British and French Governments.

An example of Franco-British collaboration is the proposal to send a joint expedition to Indo-China to discover a wild banana immune to banana disease, so it can be planted in the West Indies, where the present varieties are affected.

Another instance of collaboration is the question of control of locusts in West Africa, so as to prevent plague spreading as far as Rhodesia. Negotiations in regard to this are almost complete.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST TRIAL IN PARIS

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE TRIAL OPENED YESTERDAY OF 44 FORMER COMMUNIST DEPUTIES CHARGED WITH OFFENCES UNDER THE LAW WHICH OUTLAWED THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

Nine of the accused are in flight, and if found guilty they will be liable to the death penalty owing to their absence.

After a five hours session the Tribunal decided that the trial will be held in camera, "because the publicity might constitute a danger to public order and the dignity of the hearing."

Earlier in the proceedings the deputies' counsel demanded that M. Edouard Daladier, the ex-Premier, should be called in to give evidence. After retirement the Tribunal ruled against this.—Reuter.

LAHORE NOW NORMAL

LAHORE, TO-DAY.

LAHORE IS NOW NORMAL, AFTER TUESDAY'S DISTURBANCES, WHEN A MOSLEM GROUP TRIED TO HOLD A MILITARY PROCESSION IN DEFiance OF THE POLICE BAN:

The leader of the movement has been detained by the police and altogether 100 arrests have been made.

Two more of those injured have

died, bringing the total number of deaths to 28.

Among those injured were the District Magistrate, the Senior Police Superintendent and the Deputy Superintendent. They are reported to be progressing favourably.

Mr. Jinnah, president of the All-India Moslem League, has appealed to the group to preserve order.—Reuter.

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BRITISH REPLY TO ITALIAN NOTE ON COAL BLOCKADE

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH REPLY to the Italian Note of March 3 protesting against the working of the British contraband control was handed to Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, in Rome yesterday.

The reply points out that in considering the application of principles of international law in present circumstances, account must be taken of the fact that they are fighting an enemy who has repeatedly and flagrantly disregarded those principles and even the common precepts of humanity.

The Italian Government would appreciate that if the enemy were to be free to pursue with impunity practices in total disregard of international law and moral principles, while Britain was expected at all times scrupulously to observe them, Britain would be placed at a marked disadvantage in its conduct of the war.

Britain had no intention of imitating the barbarous methods of their opponents, from which Italian ships and nationals had suffered along with those of other neutral powers.

They therefore always sought to ensure that their action conformed to the accepted principles under which they exercised belligerent rights, but they were unable to accept the disabilities that would result for them were they to refrain from the full exercise of these rights.

MEETING WISHES

The Note says efforts have been made to meet the desires of the Italian and other neutral governments in exercise of the control.

In the western Mediterranean arrangements were made, after full discussion with the Italian Government and the shipping interests concerned, which rendered the diversion of neutral ships unnecessary save in exceptional circumstances.

A number of special facilities had been introduced in the eastern Mediterranean, as the result of which delays were greatly reduced. The Note concludes by emphasising "the continued resolve of the British Government to have the greatest measure of regard for Italian and other neutral interests compatible with the maintenance of those measures of legitimate control which they deem necessary for the prosecution of the war." — Reuter.

CONTRABAND LIST

London, To-day. In the passage replying to Italian objections to a number of items included in the contraband list, the Note points out that modern war necessarily brings within the ambit increasing classes of goods, a view which the Italian Government seems to accept in the War Law of 1938 which sets out a restricted list but provides that any other articles may be added by royal decree.

"Furthermore," the passage continues, "on the general question of the British contraband list the Italian Government will be aware this list is closely modelled on that adopted by the United States Government in 1917."

Reciting previous correspondence already taken place between the government on measures Britain finds necessary to take regarding masts, the reply submits that the practice is no means inconsistent with the views of

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PROTECTION OF LIGHTHOUSE VESSELS

London, To-day. In reply to a Commons question whether steps had been taken to arm lightships for our own defence, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, said we were forced to take measures to protect lighthouse vessels against the barbarous and cowardly German attacks on beacons which were maintained for the mariners of all nations. — Reuter.

SPAIN THANKED

London, To-day. The British Government have sent a message of thanks to the Spanish Government for the rescue of the captain and 53 of the crew of the British ship Armenian by the Spanish ship Monte Abra. The Armenian had been torpedoed by British Wireless.

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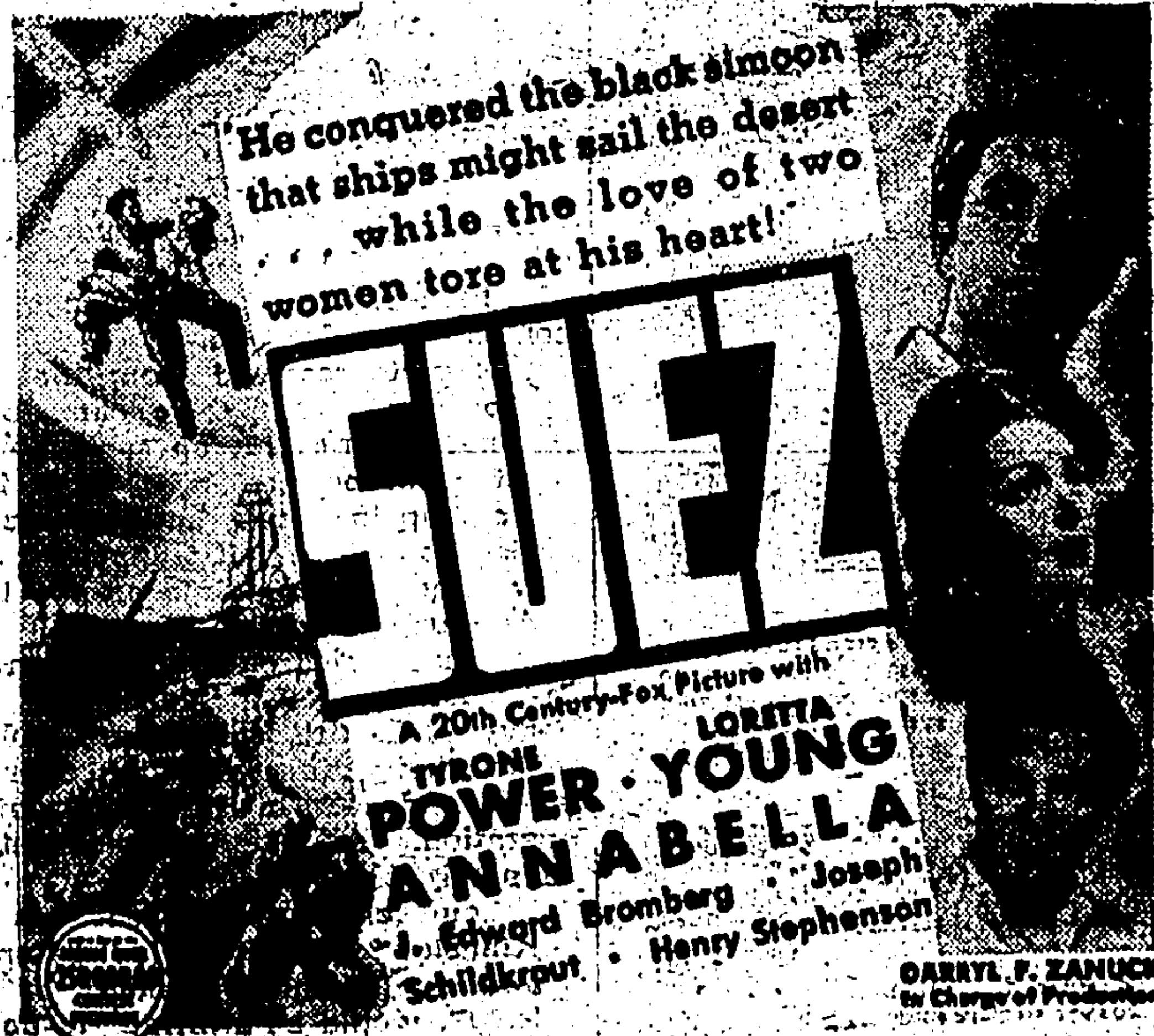
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Official Story Of Yesterday's Raid On Sylt SIR KINGSLEY WOOD'S STATEMENT IN COMMONS

WARMING UP OF WAR EXPECTED

London, To-day. In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was questioned about the Nazi raid on Scapa Flow. He said it was significant and encouraging that the enemy should try to describe this badly directed raid as an important military affair!

We must probably expect attacks of this kind as a regular feature of the war in coming months, but we will do our best to resist them and to return them. — Reuter.

REICH AND HOLY SEE IN NEGOTIATIONS

London, To-day. Rome Radio states that discussions have been opened about the conclusion of a new Concordat between the Reich and the Holy See. The announcer added that the Church is anxious to maintain its position in Austria and Poland. — Reuter.

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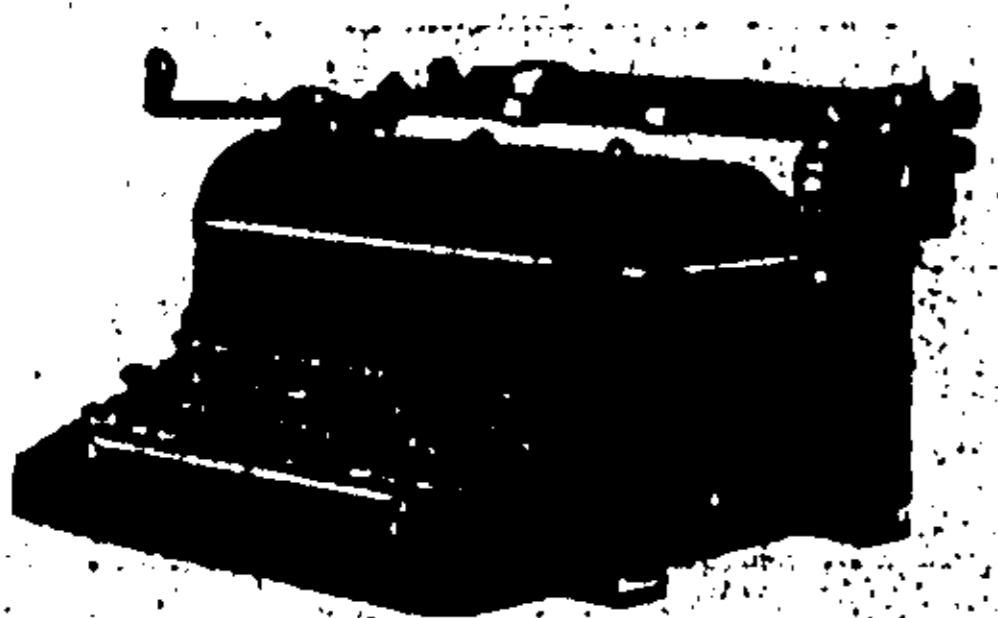
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London, To-day. THE STORY OF THE R.A.F. attacks on German bases on Sylt was told in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister for Air.

"I may say," he said, "that the Royal Air Force has been very gratified and encouraged to have had the opportunity of this action, which has once more displayed the fighting spirit and skill of our captains and crews, and their readiness and willingness to meet the enemy."

Squadrons of the R.A.F., he said, carried out a series of raids which lasted for over six hours on the base at Hornum, in the island of Sylt, which is a base for seaplanes laying magnetic mines and a starting point for raids on our shipping.

This operation was carried out in answer to the raid of German planes who bombed bases in the Orkneys last Saturday.

A strong force, more than double the number of German planes who took part in the Scapa Flow raid, participated. There was clear, moonlit weather during the early part of the raids, gradually clouding over towards morning.

The planes met with intensive anti-aircraft fire from gun positions on Sylt and on adjacent islands, but that did not prevent them from reaching, and dropping a large number of bombs on their targets. Such fighter planes as were encountered sheered off on meeting our fire.

With one exception, all planes returned to their base.

TONS OF BOMBS

Both high and low altitude attacks were carried out and "many tons" of high-explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

Reports received from the pilots showed that extensive damage was done—a direct hit on some hangars set them on fire, oil-storage tanks went up in flames, and damage was also done to a jetty, the light railway and other points on the base. A further reconnaissance over Sylt was carried out yesterday morning. Although the planes met with heavy A.A. fire, they were able to make their reconnaissance over the island and confirm the success of the operation. All these planes returned safely to their bases.

Loud cheers broke out as Sir Kingsley concluded his statement, and one member asked if the R.A.F. would be allowed "to do this sort of thing often!"

GENERAL ADMIRATION

When a similar announcement was made in the House of Lords, Lord Strabolgi, the Opposition Chief Whip, expressed the general admiration at the brilliant feat of the R.A.F. and remarked that Sylt was an ideal target because all the civilian population had been removed some time ago.

During the past month, they had only seen their seamen done to death in a most brutal manner by Nazi planes and submarines, and the country longed for an opportunity to retaliate.

Lord Strabolgi said he had made a reckoning and that in this raid more bombs were dropped than in all raids on London during the last war. — Reuter.

HUNDRED BOMBS DROPPED

London, To-day. Watchers on Romoe, the Danish island six miles north of Sylt, had a thrilling view of the raid and many stayed up all night to watch.

They report seeing one British plane approach the island from the south and pass completely over it. It was caught in the searchlights, bit pressed the attack point, dropping two bombs on Hornum, two on Rantum,

London, To-day.

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

RANDALL GOULD AND COMMUNISTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"IN CHUNGKING, WHICH THE JAPANESE SAY IS DOMINATED BY THE REDS, IT IS HARD TO FIND ANYTHING RED ASIDE FROM THE COMMUNIST DAILY PAPER, THE YOUTHFUL SOVIET AMBASSADOR OR THE TASS CORRESPONDENTS," WRITES RANDALL GOULD, EDITOR OF THE "EVENING POST AND MERCURY" WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO THE CHINESE CAPITAL.

"On Communists and Communism, Chungking generally takes the position of a black crew of vaudeville fame and would just rather not hear any more about it.

"There is not a single Chinese Communist in the Government.

"That things are more strained between the Communists and the Kuomintang is easy to discover. Everyone admits there has been a great deal of friction, including several armed clashes. On the other hand absolutely no one appears to think that there is the slightest chance of that united front splitting as long as the war against Japan goes on." — Havas.

ATTACK IN THE NIGHT

Four months' hard labour was imposed on Ng Sum-ying, 23, described as a merchant, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for inflicting grievous bodily harm on Wong Chiu-sheung, in the Yuet Nang Boarding House early this morning.

Defendant admitted the attack but alleged Wong had raped his sister-in-law.

Det. Sergeant Wall said both lived in the same room in the Boarding house. Defendant's sister-in-law was also living on the same premises.

Last night, defendant quarrelled with Wong about some incident affecting his sister-in-law but it was settled later.

At about 2 a.m., to-day, defendant attacked Wong with two table-knives while he was asleep.

"MAURETANIA" TO BE ARMED AS TROOPER

New York, To-day.

The new Cunard-White Star liner "Mauretania" has sailed, presumably to take up service as a troop transport.

The crew are of opinion that the Mauretania and the Queen Mary will proceed to Halifax where they will be armed for a voyage to Australia. — Reuter.

CHARTERED BANK'S DIVIDEND

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China have received following telegram from London: On 3rd April at the Annual Meeting of shareholders the directors will recommend a Final Dividend at the rate of 10% per annum subject to Income Tax: £25,000, added to Pension Fund, and carried forward £182,442.14.1d.

FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

A 19-year-old painter, Hong Tung-choi was remanded by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when charged with obtaining money by false pretences.

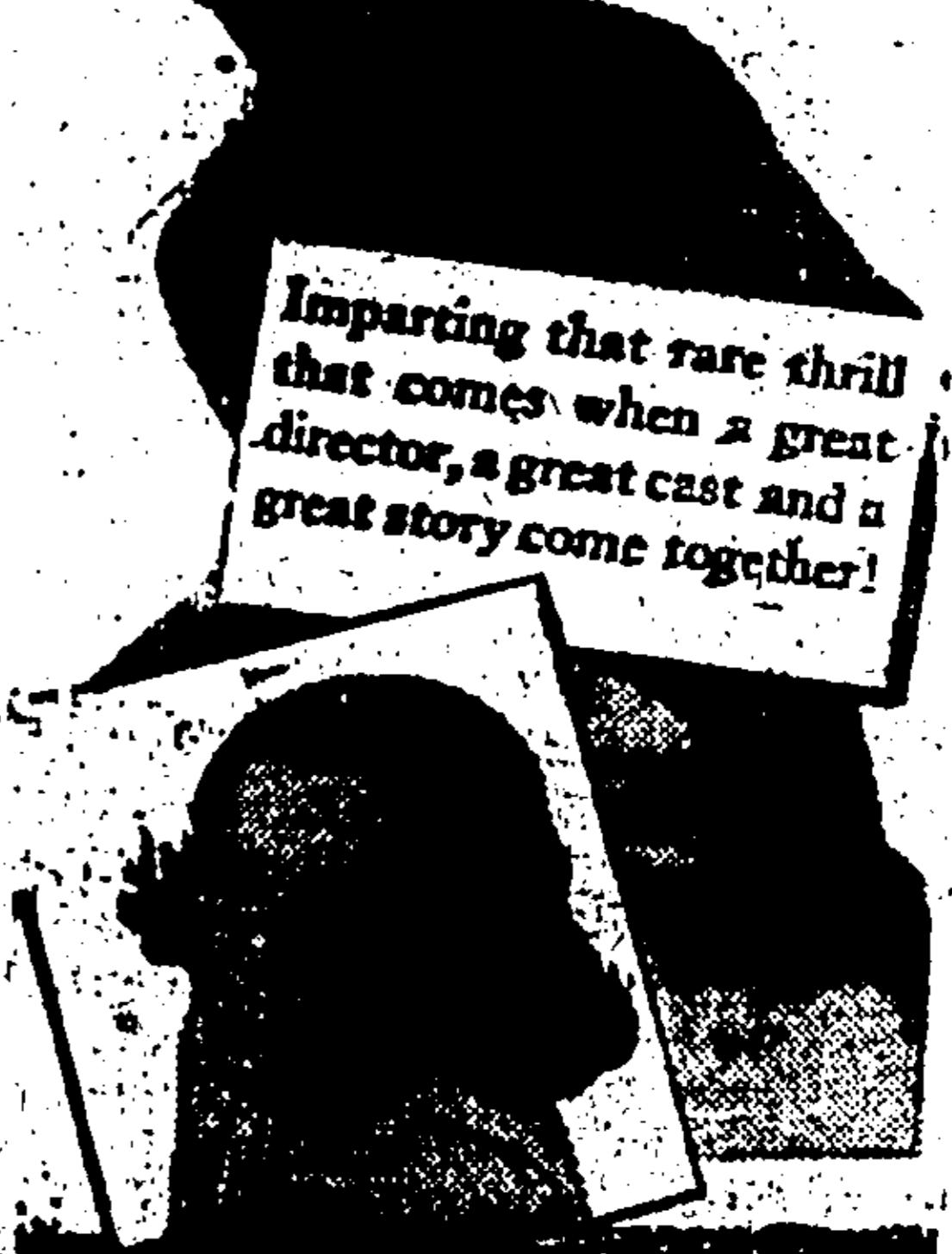
It was alleged that defendant obtained \$150 from several men by pretending he could obtain work for them in the Royal Army Service Corps.

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DALADIER ASKING FOR FULL REPORT OF SECRET SESSION TO BE PUBLISHED

PARIS, TO-DAY.

M. PAUL REYNAUD, FINANCE MINISTER IN THE DALADIER GOVERNMENT WHICH RESIGNED YESTERDAY, HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE FORMATION OF A NEW CABINET.

This was announced after M. Daladier, the retiring Premier, told a meeting of Radical-Socialist senators and deputies in the afternoon that he had declined the task.

The meeting, which lasted an hour and a-half, passed a vote of confidence in M. Daladier. It is understood the ex-Premier demanded that a full report of the secret session of the Chamber should be published.

HARP RECITAL

The musical public will have the opportunity of hearing two artists new to Hong Kong at the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel at 9.15 p.m. on Thursday March 28th 1940. They are Solange Renie (Mme J. Siguret), harpist and Angelika Meesler-Steinschneider, mezzo-soprano. The string orchestra will be under the direction of Prof. N. A. Tonoff.

Solange Renie is the niece and pupil of the famous French harpist, Henriette Renie, one movement of whose harp concerto she will play with the orchestra. She will also play with the orchestra Debussy's Dance Sacree and Dance profane, and in addition two groups of harp solos.

In addition, Angelika Meesler-Steinschneider, mezzo-soprano from the Vienna Opera will contribute two groups of songs.

The concert is being arranged by the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China and the proceeds will be used for the Kweiyang Orthopaedic Hospital for wounded and disabled soldiers and civilians. Tickets (\$2.00) each may be obtained from the office of the Foreign Auxiliary, Gloucester Building, First Floor, Room 3 or the Anderson Music Company.

KEPT FROM HIS SHIP BY SCIATICA

Sailor Who Could Hardly Walk For Pain

Rheumatism had so crippled this old sailor that he could only make his way about with pain and difficulty. Here he tells how a friend introduced him to a remedy which made him perfectly fit for the hard seafaring life again within a week:

"I have been a seaman and travelled all over the world in sailing ships. Some time ago I was taken bad with sciatica and rheumatism. If I went out I had to rest two or three times before I got home. One day an old mate of mine asked me what was the matter, and he said 'get some Kruschen Salts.' So I got some and I am pleased to say I felt a great ease. After continuing for a week, I was a great deal better and on the Saturday I was back on my ship."—T.R.W.

The pains of rheumatism and sciatica are caused by too much uric acid accumulating in the body. Two of the ingredients of Kruschen Salts dull the sharp edges of uric acid crystals, then dissolve them away altogether. Other ingredients of these Salts assist Nature to wash out these dissolved crystals through the natural channels.

As M. Reynaud left the Elysee he said: "I hope to give the President a definite reply to-morrow morning."

National union will mean big changes in the existing Cabinet, and it is difficult to see how it can be reconciled with the demand for a smaller and more energetic Cabinet.

There was still a belief in political circles last night that M. Daladier may yet form a Cabinet on a Radical basis.

The Government crisis is not an indication of any weakening of the nation's will for victory. It is rather a sign of the general demand for more energetic conduct of the war.—Reuter.

No such question as had been described had been made. — Reuter.

M. DALADIER MAY YET BE CALLED ON

IT IS YET POSSIBLE THAT M. DALADIER WILL FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT WHICH MAY TAKE THE FORM OF A RESTRICTED WAR CABINET. IT WAS THOUGHT POSSIBLE AT ONE TIME HE MIGHT RECONSTRUCT THE CABINET BEFORE THE SECRET SESSION, BUT HE FINALLY DECIDED TO WAIT.

Meanwhile, it is pointed out that the interpretation that the Nazis put on the resignation might suit propaganda aims but are contrary to the truth. The Germans present it as a sign of disunity in France and a rebellion against a "war-mongering government."

In fact, the reason why certain political circles have been demanding a new government rested in their desire to see a most vigorous and decisive prosecution of the war.

As "L'Intransigeant" put it, M. Daladier was popular and had a big following. But there was a feeling that Germany and Russia might be allowed to take the lead, and, consequently, there came a demand for a more vigorous war policy characterised by energy, determination and imagination. — Reuter.

NAZI AGENTS AMONG "REFUGEES"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

OVER 1,700 JEWS AND 392 ARABS HAVE ENLISTED IN PALESTINE FOR SERVICE OVERSEAS. THEY INCLUDED THE AUXILIARY AND MILITARY PIONEER CORPS ALREADY IN FRANCE, CONSISTING OF 742 JEWS AND 346 ARABS.

Announcing this in the House of Commons yesterday, the Secretary of State for the Colonies expressed the Government's appreciation of the help given by the Arab and Jewish communities in Palestine.

He also announced that the British and Palestinian Governments were taking measures to suppress the traffic in illegal Jewish emigrants into Palestine.

It was believed that Nazi agents were among the passengers of two ships which landed them illegally about a month ago. These, and other illegal emigrants are now being held in detention camps.—Reuter.

SHIGEMITSU VISIT TO F.O.

London, To-day.

Mr. M. Price (Lab. Forest of Dean) invited a statement in the House of Commons yesterday on the recent conversations between Mr. Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador in London, and Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Price particularly enquired whether Japan had attempted to obtain the British good offices in effecting contact between the Chinese Government in Chungking and Wang Ching-wei.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Japanese Ambassador, in accordance with established practice, calls at the Foreign Office from time to time to discuss matters of common interest to the two countries.

No such question as had been described had been made. — Reuter.

NAZIS AND DALADIER

Berlin, To-day. The resignation of the Daladier Cabinet is commented on here, and, as usual, the Nazis have their own peculiar way of looking at things.

It will not, say semi-official circles, alter Germany's determination to push the war on. It does not matter whether Daladier or Laval are in the saddle. In no event will there be any change in Hitler's determination to get an early victory or in the military tactics or political attitude of the Reich.—Reuter.

MR. PRITT EXPELLED BY LABOUR

London, To-day.

The Labour Party has expelled Mr. D. N. Pritt K.C. for opposition to the declared party policy regarding Russia's aggression against Finland.—Reuter.

Mr. Pritt has long been an advocate for Russia and has stated the Kremlin's case at length in several publications, best known of which is perhaps "Light on Moscow."

NOT GUILTY VERDICT

After retiring for 10 minutes, the jury to-day found Chui Sui-po not guilty of uttering a forged Majestic Theatre ticket on December 19 with intent to defraud.

Chui was originally arraigned on nine charges but eight charges were dropped yesterday owing to insufficient evidence. Mr. E. H. Williams, assisted by Sergeant N. B. Fraser, was for the prosecution, while accused was defended by Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr., instructed by Mr. D. McCallum.

The jury was composed of Messrs. L. B. Warren (foreman), Wong Kwok-king, Wong Man-kit, B. Agafuroff, J. B. Tam, Wong Kin-wah and Fung Ping-san.

Mr. Leo d'Almada said that when the police arrested defendant nothing incriminating was found in his box nor on his person. Had defendant known the ticket to be a forgery, he would not have sold a genuine ticket with a forgery and thus invite the risk of comparison. He would sell two forged tickets together or one at a time.

He referred to the demeanour of accused in the witness box and described him as an unsatisfactory witness, but said consideration had to be taken of his anxiety and nervousness.

Accused had to deal with many tickets and was naturally, unable to give an explanation as the incident occurred some time ago.

NAVY TRIBUTE FROM SEAMEN TO SEAMEN

In a message "from seamen to seamen," the Navy has praised the life-boat service for "exemplary courage and endurance, without fear or thought of self," in rescuing more than 1,500 lives since the beginning of the war.

Sir Archibald Carter, secretary to the Admiralty, wrote: "These services have been given in foul weather, high seas and bitter cold. . . . The life-boatmen have never spared their strength and skill in helping their brother sailors in distress from the dangers of the sea and the violence of the enemy."

R.A.F. OFFICER ON MOTORING CHARGES

Flight Lieut. McGovern, of R.A.F., Kai Tak, was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning for driving a car without a valid licence, failing to stop after collision and driving without due care and caution.

Mr. D. McCallum, appearing for defendant, pleaded not guilty, except to the first summons.

Traffic Inspector R. Brittain alleged that the officer, after knocking down an ambulance worker in Saigon Street at 11.20 p.m. on February 21, switched off his lights and continued on his way.

The Magistrate adjourned the case for hearing on March 28.

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"NO PEACE FOR THE WICKED"

New York, To-day.

"ARE ENGLAND AND FRANCE, and for that matter the whole world to accept Hitler's word and promises he would give to win peace now, when in the past his word has meant nothing but more murder and rape as soon as he is ready for them?"

This question is put in an editorial by the "Pittsburg Post and Gazetteer," which answers: "No, we do not believe England and France will discuss peace until Hitler and his regime are out and Europe is safe from the murderous dictator who has brought the world back to the Dark Ages."

There are many similar comments in the American press.

The "Columbus Dispatch" quotes Mr. Hugh Gibson, former U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, as saying: "The British will see this thing through. They look on it as a painful operation but worthwhile in results. Their unity with France is splendid."

The "Boston Herald" declares: "The bitterest Anglophobes must admit that the British Empire builders have given more attention to their responsibilities than their privileges for many generations."

WORLD OPINION

The "New York Times," in an editorial on the Labour criticism in the House of Commons that the initiative must not be left with Hitler, points out that Germany and Russia, "having no reputation to lose abroad, never need worry about world opinion."

"It is this combination of present moral bankruptcy, with earlier military preparedness, that has given them the initiative they have enjoyed."

"Pending Britain's decision to strike the war is being fought on the Allied side with unrelenting pressure . . . the immense material resources of the British Empire have been mobilised successfully and the moral issue has been clarified."

"An opportunity has been provided, and is already being used, to test the comparative staying powers of the dictatorships, where discipline is taught at the end of a whip, and of the Democracies, which can command the loyalty and patriotism of free peoples."

TEMPO OF WAR

European press comment also deals with the tempo of the war.

The London correspondent of the "Gothenburg Ny Tid" says: "The Allies, after six months of preparation, can attack. Hitler, after six years preparation, doesn't take a chance."

"A people on a war footing for six years feels the strain materially, physically and morally."

"Stories of Germany's terrible position stream in. Of big political interest, they come through Italy, but Britain does not repeat them, except privately, although they are an encouraging sign of weakening war will."

OPEN DEBATE

The London correspondent of the Copenhagen "Social Demokraten" says: "The House of Commons debate is important because it showed that the British people and their chosen representatives, even in a serious war situation, still allow open debate and can show satisfactory discipline."

The Rio de Janeiro paper "Jornal Commercial," in a strongly worded eulogistic article on Britain as a world leader, expects a long war and emphasises British preparedness for it.

"The Allies," it declares, "are defending principles vital to human evolution and believe victory will go to the side with the best nerves and access to primary materials."

An article appreciates the character

PLAIN SPEAKING BY MR. STANLEY

London, To-day.

In a luncheon speech yesterday the War Secretary said the Allies were fighting for the world — and for a world in which nations might be safe even if they were small, a world where people might even be free to differ.

They were fighting for anyone who thought as they did and the victory of the Allies would be their victory and the defeat of the Allies their defeat.

It was because of that that he could see no issue from this struggle by way of compromise.

The British did not trust Nazi Germany. How many words had Hitler spoken in the last seven years and how many of them had been adhered to, even so long as the echoes still rang.

ARMCHAIR FIGHTING

Mr. Oliver Stanley referred to the practice he had observed in foreign newspapers of describing the war as bogus and "phoney" and said how easy it was from the ringside after a comfortable dinner to urge other people to hit and go on hitting each other.

The British were fighting not for the entertainment of other people but for their lives. "We are going to fight in our way and not in their way." — British Wireless.

DANISH COAST HIT?

London, To-day.

German messages alleged that some of the British aircraft engaged in the Sylt operation on Wednesday dropped bombs on the Danish seaboard.

These reports are unconfirmed in London and it is understood no official intimation has been received from the Danish Government that such an incident occurred.

Should such an intimation be received and it is proved that British aircraft were responsible, it may be confidently assumed that Britain will not only express deep regret but will also undertake full responsibility for compensation for any damage caused. — British Wireless.

of Mr. Chamberlain. It says no war of nerves is capable of making the Premier doubt himself or the people he leads. — Reuter.

GERMAN PLANE OVER SHETLANDS

London, To-day.

Believed by onlookers to be a German craft, a plane visited the Shetland Islands yesterday and was driven off. No bombs were dropped.

The machine, which was a Heinkel, was apparently on reconnaissance, and flew low over a town and harbour.

It swooped towards anchored shipping and then rose rapidly and disappeared behind a low cloud with a British fighter in hot pursuit. — Reuter.

ISOLATION STALWARTS STIRRED UP

Washington, To-day.

There is some talk here of demanding the recall of Mr. James Cromwell, U.S. Minister to Canada, following his broadcast speech from Toronto in which he frankly praised the Allied war aims and openly criticised Germany.

Some members of the Senate foreign relations committee expressed the opinion that Mr. Cromwell overstepped the bounds of diplomatic restraint.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, took the unusual step of requesting immediately an official version of the speech, instead of awaiting routine delivery to the State Department.

"PLAYBOY"

Mr. Sweeny, the Ohio representative, declared in the House of Representatives yesterday: "If our playboy Minister to Canada wants to fight for the British Empire, I respectfully suggest he joins the ranks of such distinguished American expatriates as Lady Astor and Kermit Roosevelt, so that he may 'carry on' for the Empire."

Critics compare Mr. Cromwell's openly expressed sentiments with those of Walter Hines Page, U.S. Ambassador in London during the last war. — Reuter.

Mr. Cromwell is the husband of the former Doris Duke, the tobacco heiress and the richest girl in the world.

Mr. D. Ferguson, residing at the Seamen's Institute, has informed the Police that early this morning, his wallet, containing \$150, was stolen by an unknown ricksha coolie.



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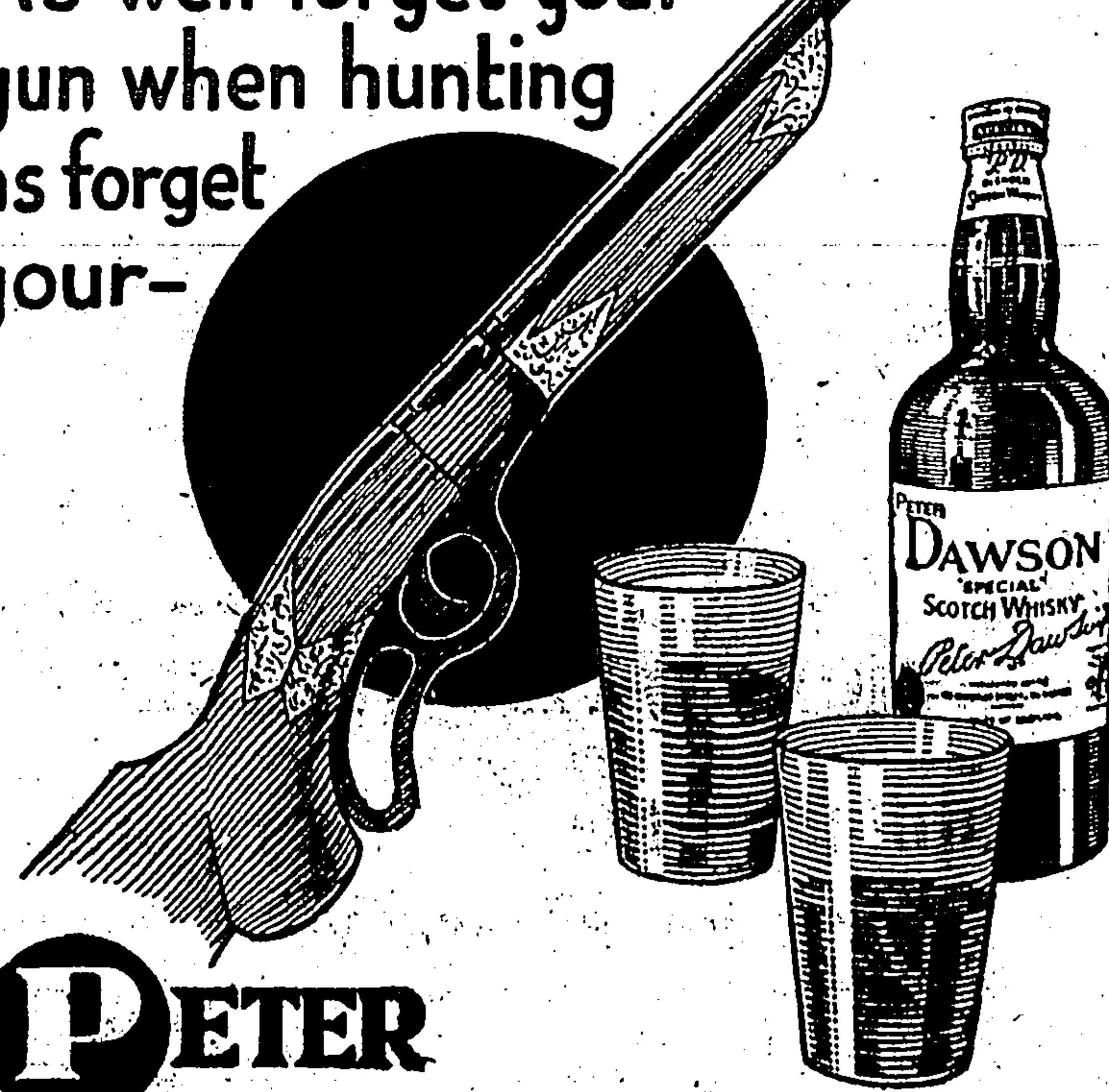
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Among spectators snapped at the Governor's Cup match on Sunday was the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith.

PREMIER'S VIGOUR

But Some Of His Colleagues In Important Posts May Be In Need Of Rest, Says "Times"

COMMENT ON SPEECH TO THE COMMONS

London, To-day.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S REVIEW of the war in the House of Commons is the subject of British Press comment.

"The Times" says that it was a remarkable demonstration of vigour on the part of Mr. Chamberlain, refuting any suggestion of slackness in himself.

At the same time, "The Times" feels that some of the men now holding important posts might well be in need of a rest, which need be only temporary.

SOVIET AND SCANDINAVIA ALLIANCE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

CONSIDERABLE ASTONISHMENT IS THE BEST DESCRIPTION OF THE REACTION TO A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY, TASS, YESTERDAY, STATING THAT ANY SCANDINAVIAN ALLIANCE WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE SOVIET-FINNISH TREATY, AS IT WOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION.

The statement also refers to "a speech by M. Hambro," President of the Norwegian Parliament, on a certain date in support of this contention. M. Hambro says he made two speeches that day, but on neither occasion did he mention Soviet Russia.

M. Tanner, Finnish Foreign Minister, said immediately that the object of the proposed defensive alliance between Norway, Sweden and Finland concerned their neutrality. A clause in the Soviet-Finnish treaty precluded Finland from entering into any alliance against Russia, but this pact was not directed against any one.

THE MOTIVE

Similar comment was made by M. Gunther, Swedish Foreign Minister. Here in London, semi-official circles comment that the Russian objections to the pact remain a mystery unless Soviet Russia regards

The "Manchester Guardian" makes a similar suggestion for a re-organization of the War Cabinet.

The Labour "Daily Herald" does not speak particularly about Cabinet changes, but criticises the Government for defects in the blockade and confusion in its Home policy.

These are the main criticisms, but the British Press does not allow its criticism to conceal the more fundamental agreement.

The "Daily Herald," for instance, says that Mr. Chamberlain spoke for the whole nation when he said that no meeting of dictators or conference of international rulers would deter the Allies from the purposes for which they entered the war.

RIGHT MORAL

The paper echoes the general tone of the British press when it says that Mr. Chamberlain drew the right moral from the lesson of Finland—that fear is no defence for the neutrals against tyranny.

The "Glasgow Herald" says that almost all the neutrals dread a German victory, but if they are to maintain their independence, they must be prepared to co-operate with one another and with the Allies to check aggression.—Reuter.

any pact against aggression as being directed against Russia.—Reuter.

SEEKING A FORMULA

London, To-day.

The Soviet announcement opposing the projected Scandinavian defensive alliance has caused surprise in Finland and Sweden.

In Stockholm it is hoped that a formula agreeable to Russia will yet be found.—Reuter.

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DANISH AID TO FINLAND

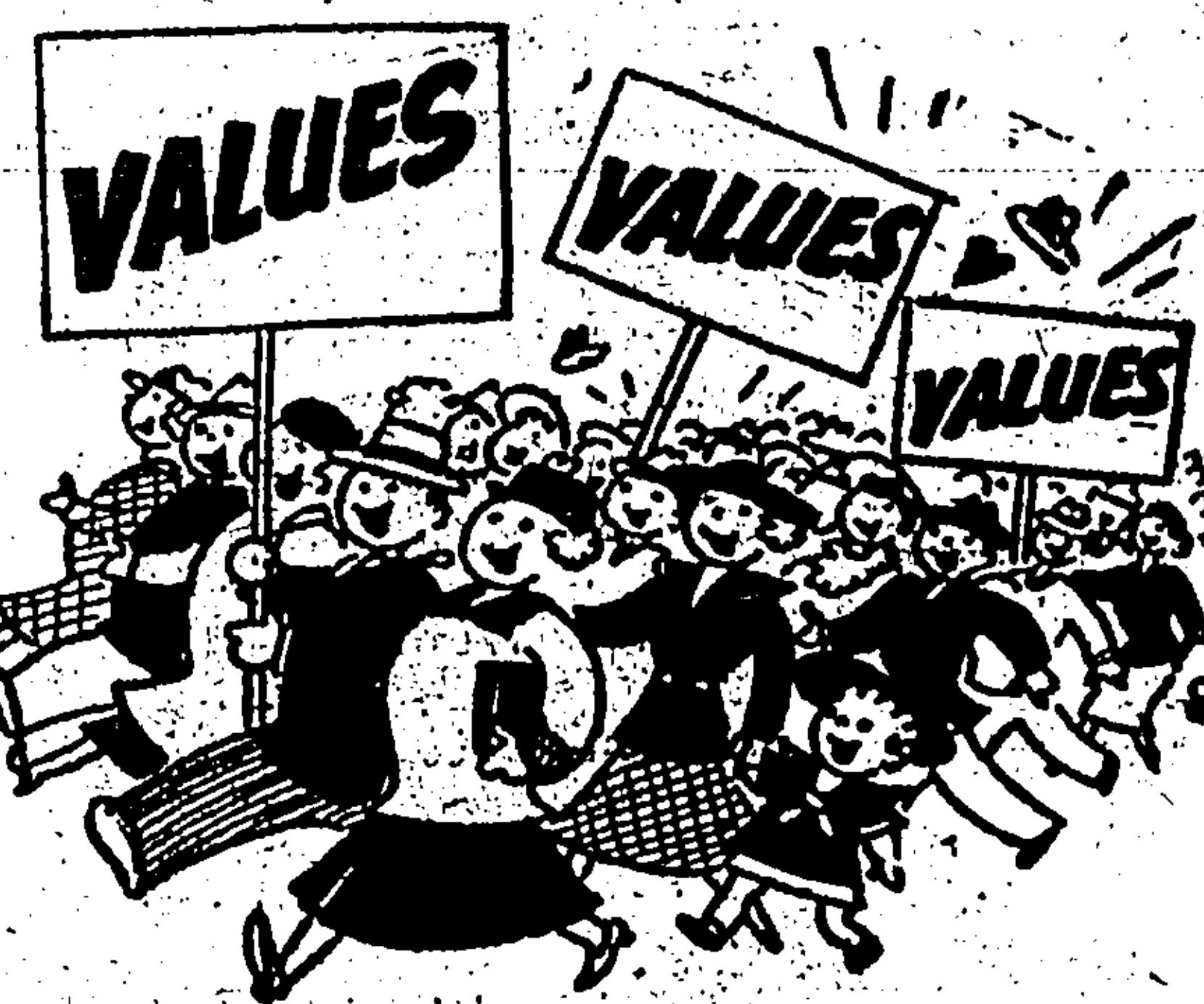
Copenhagen, To-day.

The Danish press yesterday announced that Denmark's help to Finland

in money and goods reached a total of 12,000,000 crowns. After the Easter holidays, a great campaign will be launched in Denmark for the benefit of Finland.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

LIFE OF PARLIAMENT

In November Parliament, having reached the end of its statutory existence, will be dissolved and the country will be in the throes of a general election, unless a bill to prolong the life of the present legislature is adopted. That there will be a strong feeling in the country that such a bill is desirable at this time goes without saying. In addition to being in the midst of a great war, the British nation is in an unusual state of flux, many of the inhabitants of the larger cities having been evacuated to the country, leaving boroughs which were formerly large voting centres partially denuded of people, and crowding other and smaller cities with unaccustomed population. The problem presented by this wartime phenomenon is not insurmountable, but will call for a great deal of organization for its satisfactory solution, since registers of voters will have been disorganized in all parts, and the customary individual difficulties of different areas will have been modified or accentuated, according as the population has decreased or increased. In addition there is the still undiminished force of the old adage about changing horses in mid-stream. It is usual for a general election to unleash passions which are never pleasant at the best of times, and to be the occasion of the washing in public of a great deal of dirty linen. There can be little doubt that at a period when the whole energies of the country should be concentrated on winning the war, such political ebullitions will be wasteful. This does not mean, of course, that there should be no change in the personnel of the Government at present in power until after the war has ended. It may well be preferable that changes should be made as conditions alter in the progress of the fighting, or it may be found desirable to broaden the national basis of the Government and receive into the inner circles of the nation some of those who are now in opposition. These points have doubtless been considered by the Government and, should action be necessary, it will certainly be taken. Plain commonsense dictates, however, a cautious policy in this connection until there has been an outcome one way or the other from the efforts being made to bring about an honourable peace.

THE NAVY

A quarter of a century ago, in February, 1915, Mr. Churchill introduced the first

Navy Estimates of the war. The other day, in his old place, he did it once again. The two speeches make an interesting comparison. As the rosy-viewed orator he perhaps did better the first time, for the House of to-day has a greater liking for plain facts, and, if anything more were needed, the years from 1915 to 1918 were an unequalled school for cautious statement. Thus, when he was

praising the action of the Dogger Bank in 1915, Mr. Churchill remarked that "it had been supposed that the 'Germans possessed a sort of super-efficiency in gunnery' which they had failed to show. Yet part at least of what had been claimed for German gunnery was to be proved true at Jutland. To do the younger Mr. Churchill justice the Opposition was as sanguine. Of the German threat to wage unrestricted submarine warfare Mr. Bonar Law could say he "thought that if it could have been made effectively it would have been made before." 1917 proved him wrong. There were dangers in that overconfidence, and Mr. Chur-

chill's speech yesterday was no less stirring for being more alive to possible hard blows and new challenges of an unexpected kind. "Touch wood!" cried Miss Wilkinson at one point. "I very rarely like to be any considerable distance from a piece of wood," he replied, and the feeling is as salutary as it is general. There are differences in the first months of the two wars. There had been more open fighting—Coronel, the Falklands, and the Dogger Bank; we had lost several thousand more lives in the Navy. But in 1915 we were still allowing Germany to import food, still permitting neutrals to trade with her and to take her goods out in their ships. The great blockade had not begun.

There were good reasons why that screw had not been turned. Germany had only threatened to break, not broken, the rules of sea warfare. This time illegality has been her policy from the first days and the breach of law, the sinking at sight, the machine-gunning, and the bombs have taken hundreds of neutral lives. This slaughter of the innocent, through contempt of rules made to prevent it, causes too little astonishment in the outside world. Mr. Churchill rightly protested that it was "one of the most extraordinary things we have ever known" that German brutalities were coming to be accepted as though "they were part of the ordinary day-to-day conditions." Mr. Churchill drove home his argument, particularly to the neutrals, the chief sufferers. It was not for Germany to preach to them "the strictest interpretation of the international code she has torn to pieces." It is hard for us to allow Germany to draw advantages from our holding to the law while she directs anarchy in the North Sea:

In the interpretation of the rules and conventions affecting neutrals humanity rather than legal pedantry must be our guide. This is a far-reaching statement; our right to make it is given by our record of never designedly taking neutral life. There was one great change from the 1915 speech, for in the three months before it was made only fifteen of our ships had been lost to the submarines. Germany, of course, had only about twenty of them when she began the last war. Mr. Churchill said that the balance of our present losses and gains was a loss of 200,000 tons, and compared this with the total loss of 450,000 tons in April, 1917. It should, however, be remembered that few German ships remain to be captured, while our losses will continue.

TOTAL WAR

In a conflict of this unparalleled intensity, while the financial functions of the Exchequer are more vital and more onerous than ever before, we require a Minister to co-ordinate our total organisation on the economic side just as we have a Minister to co-ordinate the fighting policies of the armed Services. We all remember how the latter appointment was resisted until the demand could no longer be withheld. Negative logic is worse than useless in these great matters. Burke replied that though we cannot perceive the exact moment when night changes into day, the difference between light and darkness is, on the whole, tolerably distinguishable.—J. L. Garvin.

Neither the full German effort, nor our own reply, is yet in being. Germany had lost more than half her total of about seventy submarines by the end of the year, and Mr. Churchill estimated that at that time hardly more than ten could have been at sea at one time. Now, in April, 1917, 75 German submarines were out, and 74 again in September. In the November of that year she had 178 submarines available and 207 build- ing. It cannot be supposed that she will do less this time or that our own difficulties will not be immensely increased before we beat her. Optimism is a fatal thing, but, at least for the moment, we seem to know how to check the submarine. There was a time in those terrible days before when, as the sinkings steadily mounted up, we had not the least idea. Now, as the submarines are launched to accumulate for the summer onslaught, our own yards are turning out the new small craft for convoy work which have proved themselves able to counter the past attack.—"Manchester Guardian."

Britain Keeping The Nazi Nerves On Edge

R.A.F. CONTINUES BOMBING OF SYLT

London, To-day.
NOT CONTENT WITH THE six hours of intensive bombing of the island of Sylt on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, and the reconnaissance flight later yesterday, R.A.F. bombers again raided the Nazi base yesterday afternoon.

This is revealed in a despatch from Copenhagen, which says lively activity began again at Sylt at 3 p.m., when British planes were sighted approaching the island.

THE UNHOLY SPECTACLE

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
THE "NEW YORK TIMES" IN AN EDITORIAL YESTERDAY REFERRED TO THE WANG CHING-WEI SPOKESMAN'S COMPLAINT THAT AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA HAD BEEN PUBLISHING INSPIRED EDITORIALS TENDING TO DISCREDIT HIM.

The "New York Times" says Wang Ching-wei himself was the inspiration, not President Roosevelt or Mr. Cordell Hull.

The journal says Wang began as an ardent patriot whose views had gradually moderated until "he has now grown so moderate that he forgets the crimes of the Japanese against his people . . . that he is willing to help the Japanese set up a fake Chinese government in order to legalise the Japanese aggression."

The editorial concludes that Wang inspires comment in United States papers "by the unholy spectacle he represents of a sanctimonious hypocrite selling his own countrymen down river." — Reuter.

NEW STYLE BOMBING

London, To-day.
Lord Strabolgi stated in the House of Lords yesterday that, according to his calculations, more bombs were dropped on Sylt in the air raid than were dropped on London during the whole of the last war. — Reuter.

ITALIAN COAL ORDER IN BULGARIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

Sofia, To-day.
Italy has ordered more than 100,000 tons of coal from Bulgaria, it is revealed here, and more important purchases may follow, as Rome seeks to replace the coal which was formerly purchased from Westphalia.

The Director of the Bulgarian state-owned coal mine is soon visiting Italy. — Havas.

SOVIET COUNCIL RATIFIES PEACE TERMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.
The Supreme Council of the Soviet yesterday ratified the terms of the Finno-Russian treaty.

Meanwhile M. Passikivi, the Finnish negotiator, has arrived in Moscow again to discuss the frontier demarcation and economic questions. — Reuter.

German anti-aircraft guns went into action, but no details of this fresh raid are yet available in London. Meanwhile, it is authoritatively stated that the two R.A.F. planes which went to view the damage at Hornum yesterday morning met shore battery fire, intense in places, as they flew over the island.

Two enemy fighters, Messerschmidt 109's, were also encountered but they were unable to intercept the British aircraft.

PRECISION RAIDS

From details now received it is clear that the raids on Hornum were carried out with remarkable smoothness and precision.

The bombing was done from various heights despite intense anti-aircraft fire.

Searchlights all round the targets were in action but only a few of our bombers were caught in their beams.

At one stage of the raid one British aircraft had only a single searchlight to contend with. The preceding aircraft had apparently "put out" the others. — Reuter.

Smoke Rising From Burning Buildings

Copenhagen, To-day.
Smoke, apparently from burning buildings, was still rising from Sylt yesterday afternoon.

According to a despatch from the Danish Island of Rømø, just north of Sylt, the railway line along the Hindenburg Dam is believed to have been damaged.

Normally four trains cross the dam daily but no train ran yesterday. — Reuter.

LABOUR TROUBLE IN MALAYA

LONDON, TO-DAY.
AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY CAPT. ALAN GRAHAM (CONS, WIRRAL) REQUESTED DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT LABOUR DISPUTES AND COMMUNIST AGITATION IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYA SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Colonies Secretary, enumerated disputes and said it was difficult to give exact figures of disputes attributable to Communist agitators.

Where the law had been broken by Communist agitators the offenders were dealt with by prosecution, deportation in the case of aliens, requirement of residence in restricted areas, seizure of duplicating plant, and normal police measures.

Generally there had been an absence of actual disturbance. — Reuter.

HORE-BELISHA MAKES NEW MOVE

London, To-day.
Mr. Hore-Belisha has resigned the chairmanship of the Liberal National Party in the House of Commons.

He intimated that while supporting the Government in the firm conduct of the war he wished to enjoy the greater freedom attaching to members of the rank and file of the party. — Reuter.

BRITISH PATROL IN CLASH

London, To-day.
The following communiqué was issued yesterday by British headquarters in France:

"Last night a British patrol had a very successful encounter with an enemy patrol, and in a sharp fight five of the enemy were killed and one captured. Our troops suffered no casualties."

The French war communiqué last night stated: "On the British front there have been encounters between patrols which ended to the advantage of our Allies." — Reuter.

MILLION AND HALF A DAY

London, To-day.
Mr. Burdin, the Supply Minister, told pressmen yesterday that since the beginning of the war his Ministry had placed orders for materials, munitions and stores to the total value of £508,000,000.

The Ministry was spending £1,500,000 a day.

At the beginning of the war there were nine Royal Ordnance factories in the country. There were now 16 and 37 more were planned, the majority of which would be in production next year, employing a labour force of more than 250,000. — Reuter.

FINNS FOR CANADA?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ottawa, To-day.
More than 100,000 Finns, chiefly those evacuated from regions ceded to Russia, may find a new home in Canada.

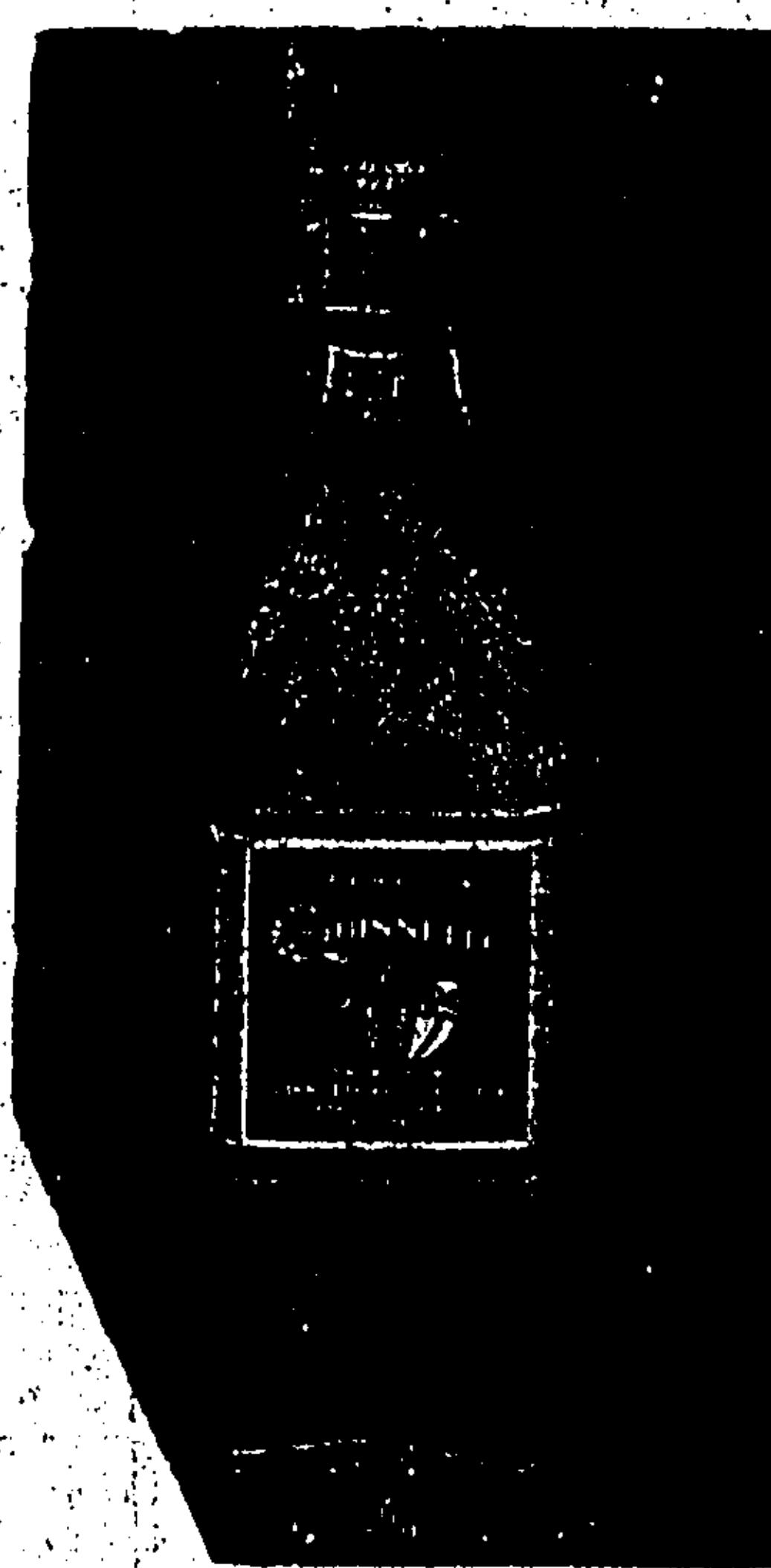
In Ontario yesterday, the provincial Premier, Mr. M. F. Hepburn, proposed to the Finnish Consul granting the Finns excellent farming land lying in the immediate vicinity of the railroad. — Havas.

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"IT IS ONLY RIGHT TO warn Customers that the rising costs of freight, and, to a smaller extent of coal, together with the possibilities of increased taxation, may force us to increase prices to consumers, although I trust this will not be necessary," said the chairman, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, at the annual meeting this morning of the Hong Kong Electric Company, Ltd.

THE MEETING APPROVED THE INCREASE OF THE COMPANY'S AUTHORISED CAPITAL FROM \$6,000,000 TO \$18,000,000, AND THE INCREASE OF THE ISSUED CAPITAL TO \$9,000,000 BY THE CREATION OF BONUS SHARES, BUT NO INDICATION WAS GIVEN OF ANY INTENTION IN THE IMMEDIATELY FUTURE TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF CAPITAL.

Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, D. S. O. (Chairman of Directors) presided, and was supported by Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Mr. T. N. Chau, C.B.E. (Directors) and Mr. V. Sorby M. I. E.E. (Manager). Shareholders were represented by Messrs. Ko Koon Fan, Gibson, Fahnestock, S. T. Williamson, F. L. Ball, Leung Fattin, A. McKellar, Wong Chi Po, Wong King On, L. E. Guterres, G. G. N. Tinson, Wong Ping Sun, B. Wong Tape, Lo Kai Wing, Capt. F. L. Brown, O. B. E., Messrs. Kwok Hin Wang and G. G. Wood.

The Chairman said:

The net profit after providing for Depreciation is \$2,876,599.54 and with \$267,880.85 brought forward from last account we have the sum of \$2,944,480.39 for appropriation.

On 7th September 1939 we paid an interim dividend of \$1.00 per share which absorbed \$600,000.00 and with the balance we propose:-To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share absorbing \$900,000; To pay a cash bonus of 75 cents per share absorbing \$450,000; To place to Reserve \$400,000; To carry forward to next account \$594,480.39 which I hope will meet with your approval.

The proposed dividend and bonus are the same as last year and we have added \$400,000.00 to the Reserve.

The carry forward is a good deal larger than in previous years, but in view of the possibility of the Government imposing a Corporation Profits Tax we think it advisable to increase the amount.

INCREASED PROFIT

The output from the Generating Station during 1939 was 72,337,702

units, an increase of nearly 8 million units or 12% over 1938, and you will notice that the profit on working is \$625,521.45 more than last year.

This satisfactory result has been obtained without any increases in our charges for current, a precedent which we hope to be able to continue, but I think it is only right to warn consumers that the rising costs of freight, and, to a smaller extent coal, together with the possibilities of increased taxation, may force us to increase prices to consumers, although I trust this will not be necessary.

Bad debts at \$352.88 are the lowest on record.

Full depreciation has been allowed for at \$798,979 an increase of \$74,802. The expenditure on Capital account this year has been \$560,499.

During the year under review the 100,000 lbs. per hour Stirling boiler, which I mentioned last year, was put into commission; the repairs to No. 7 turbo-alternator were completed in May and the machine has been back in service since that month; all the expenses in connection with this breakdown have been charged to revenue. A new well to accommodate No. 5 circulating water pump, which will have a capacity of 25,000 gallons per minute, has been constructed, a new intake and wells for two Brackett circulating water screens were completed; also a 20,000 gallons per hour boiler feed pump was installed and put into service.

ROUND THE ISLAND CIRCUIT

The principal items in the Distribution Department were the laying

of a high tension cable to link up Pokfulam and Aberdeen Sub-stations — and thus complete the "round the Island" supply circuit — and the equipment of a sub-station at Tai Tam Tuk.

Meters connected increased by 2,646 to 49,156; as I remarked last year I think that part of this increase is due to the abnormal times through which the Colony is passing and I am afraid we must be prepared for a falling off in the number of meters connected when Peace returns to China—at the moment meters are still increasing but not at the rate during last year.

The outbreak of the War in Europe has brought with it anxieties but I am happy to be able to tell you that, so far, it has not caused your Company any very serious losses; just previous to its outbreak we had decided to proceed with the laying of four new feeder cables; most of this cable has now been delivered to us at comparatively small increases in cost; we find that our happy relations with suppliers in Great Britain are now standing us in good stead as manufacturers are doing all they can to meet our requirements as expeditiously as is possible under the rather difficult conditions now ruling.

CHECK ON ACCOUNTS

It may interest Shareholders to know that a check up on our lighting accounts for the month of September last revealed that 54% of these accounts were for \$3.50 or less per month; 38% consumed under 160 units per month and only 8% took more than 160 units per month. Turning to power accounts 33% of the accounts were for less than 21 units which means that these consumers' monthly bills were less than \$1.50; 48% of our power consumers took between 21 units and 200 units and only 18% consumed over 200 units during the month — to put it another way about half the 49,000 odd accounts sent out monthly, are for under \$5.00 each — I think Shareholders will agree with me when I claim that we are giving a very efficient and cheap service.

Recently we have been making enquiries about the charges made by our contemporaries in India and the Far East, and we are gratified to find that our charges compare favourably with those made by other supply authorities whose outputs are similar to ours; it must not be forgotten that two thirds of our coal has to be carried nearly 500 miles by steamer and the remaining third over 3,000 miles.

The cost, per ton, of the coal used during the year under review showed a slight increase over the corresponding figures for the previous year, but as most of you will be painfully aware, the prices of coal and steamer tonnage are on the up grade and consequently we have found it necessary when budgeting for the present year to make provision for a very considerable increase in our expenditure on coal, and without doubt during the year 1941 much greater increases are bound to be added to our coal costs.

SHOP CLOSING

In this connection I desire to mention a misapprehension which appears to have arisen in connection with the Shops (Hours of Closing) Ordinance 1940.

I am informed that in some of the Chinese papers Shopkeepers are warned not to keep their shops open after 8 p.m. and to shut off as many lights as possible after that hour! As a matter of fact shopkeepers and others are still at liberty to use as much light as they like in any way they may desire; the Ordinance I have just referred to is only intended to prevent shopkeepers serving customers after 8 p.m.

Notwithstanding the good and cheap service which we have always endeavoured to give to our Consumers the Company has expended large sums of money on development of the undertaking and your Directors feel that the capital of the Company should be increased to a figure a little nearer to the actual value of this Company's properties.

Owing to the considerable expan-

RUBBER FOR REICH VIA VLADIVOSTOK?

London, To-day. Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, gave an assurance in the House of Commons yesterday in connexion with the fact that there had been a considerable increase in exports of rubber from the Dutch East Indies to Vladivostok since the war began.

He was replying to a question by Mr. H. J. Parker (Labour, Romford).

Mr. Cross said the likelihood of part of the consignments being re-exported to Germany had not been overlooked.—Reuter.

sion in the Company's operations I feel that some increase in the fees paid to Directors and Auditors is due and suggestions to implement this will be submitted to you at this meeting for approval.

INCREASE IN CAPITAL

The steady increase in your Company's output necessitates corresponding increases in plant, and this costs money; looking to the future we foresee heavy expenditure on plant and buildings and your Directors feel that the time has come when the Authorised Capital of the Company must be increased — consequently it has been decided to ask your authority to take the necessary steps to increase the Authorised Capital to \$18,000,000 and at the same time to increase the Issued Capital to \$9,000,000 by the capitalisation of \$3,000,000 now standing to the credit of Reserve.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Mr. S. T. Williamson, seconding the proposal, said:

This is not the first time it has been my pleasure to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and once again I have to congratulate the Chairman, The Board and the Agents on the very excellent report which has been placed before us, and I feel sure that Shareholders will also wish me to thank the Staff on their behalf for all the good work they have done during the year.

I have listened with particular interest to the remarks which deal with the cheap and efficient service which the Company renders to its consumers, and I venture to express the opinion that it has only been possible to build up this undertaking to its present state of efficiency, which results in such a high standard of service, by the sound and far-sighted policy of the Board and Management, and I feel we are much indebted to them for their untiring efforts.

I am sure Shareholders will approve of the proposal to increase the authorised Capital and welcome the proposed bonus issue, and also that they will approve of the increase in Directors' and Auditors' Fees.

I now formally second the adoption of the Report and Accounts for 1939 as presented at this Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

DIRECTORS' FEES

Mr. G. G. Wood said:—There is a saying that the labourer is worthy of his hire and I feel sure Shareholders will agree with our Chairman that the time has come when the remuneration paid to our Directors should be increased to a sum which is a little more commensurate with their responsibilities.

I am informed that the present remuneration of \$10,000 per year was fixed at the time the Company was formed in the year 1889, 50 years ago, when our issued capital was \$300,000. That remuneration does not appear to have been thought excessive even in those days but I am quite sure it is not adequate now, consequently I have much pleasure in proposing that the Directors' fees be increased from \$10,000 per annum to \$18,000 per annum.

Carried unanimously.

AUDITORS' FEES

Mr. G. G. Wood said:—As our working profit has increased from \$2,498,- (Continued on Page 17)

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RED CROSS WIFE ANSWERS QUERIES 8-1/2 HOURS A DAY

YOU AND I HAVE READ a good deal since this war began about what the Red Cross are doing, writes a London Correspondent.

"The Red Cross are to arrange for mothers to visit wounded sons in France . . . to build super ambulances for the B.E.F. . . . to send 30 ambulance to Finland . . . to do this, that, and the other act of mercy."

Well, I called at various ex-private houses in London, now "loaned for the duration," to find out just who the Red Cross are.

THE SPOIL SPORT

Hampstead (London) A.R.P. Bulletin says one of its post wardens has received this letter:

"Dear Sir—I am writing as an angry mother. A warden round here is not playing fair. My girl always meets her boy in the shelter in road. The young must have their little fun. We were all young once."

"Well, a warden comes and disturbs them. It is not the short one nor the very tall one nor the lady, but the one who has a luminous S.W. on his hat."

"He comes to his shelter where are my girl and her boy. He flashes his light on them. Now, is that playing fair? After all, why have we got shelters if they are not used? After all, if this is war we can't be too dull. I do not like the A.R.P. and I object to my daughter having her pleasure spoilt. Please stop it!"

Barmaids:

Dangerous Job

Proposals to employ barmaids in public-houses in Glasgow, which has not had barmaids for thirty years, to replace men called up for service, are being opposed by the Glasgow District Union of the British Women's Temperance Society.

"The war is being made the excuse for the employment of barmaids, and I appeal to all women to save our young girls from this dangerous type of employment," a member of the Society said.

Mrs. Marion Copeland, secretary of the Union, said: "We shall vigorously object. There are many temptations for a girl in this type of employment."

Paving Stones Gave

The Dogs Shocks

Dogs trotting along the pavement in Market-street, Eastleigh, Hants, suddenly set up a pitiful howl and bolted away from the shopping centre.

The street was not haunted. Some of the paving stones were found to be electrified because of a fault in the underground main.

Although detected by dogs' paws, the strength of the escaping current was not sufficient to affect shoppers.

Framed

Among recent acquisitions by the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth-road, S.E., which has recently been partially reopened, is the famous "Peace in Our Time" joint declaration signed by Hitler and the Prime Minister, which Mr. Chamberlain brought back from Munich in September, 1938.

When you read that a dozen ultra-modern X-ray ambulances are to be shipped to France, thank 47-years-old bespectacled Mr. H. T. Ferrier. He has been with the Red Cross for 17 years.

He designed X-ray-equipped ambulances for Abyssinia and Spain, has just had 30 more modern ones sent to Finland. His newest effort—an X-ray car complete with dark room and generating plant—will soon be available for the B.E.F.

He looks like a busy town doctor, medium tall, broad shouldered, going thin on top. Actually he is a qualified radiographer, married, with a son aged 18½, who will soon qualify as an R.A.F. pilot.

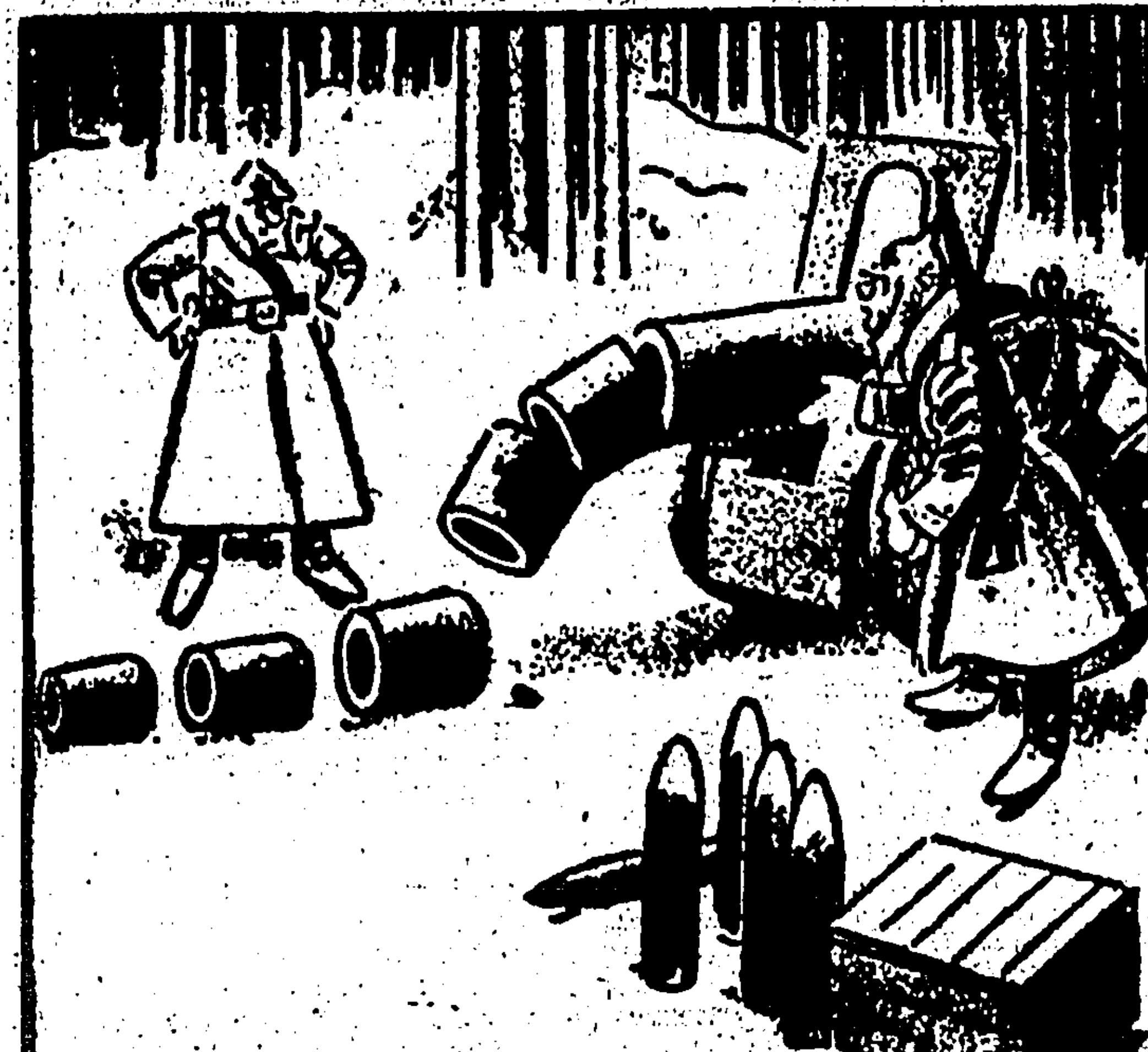
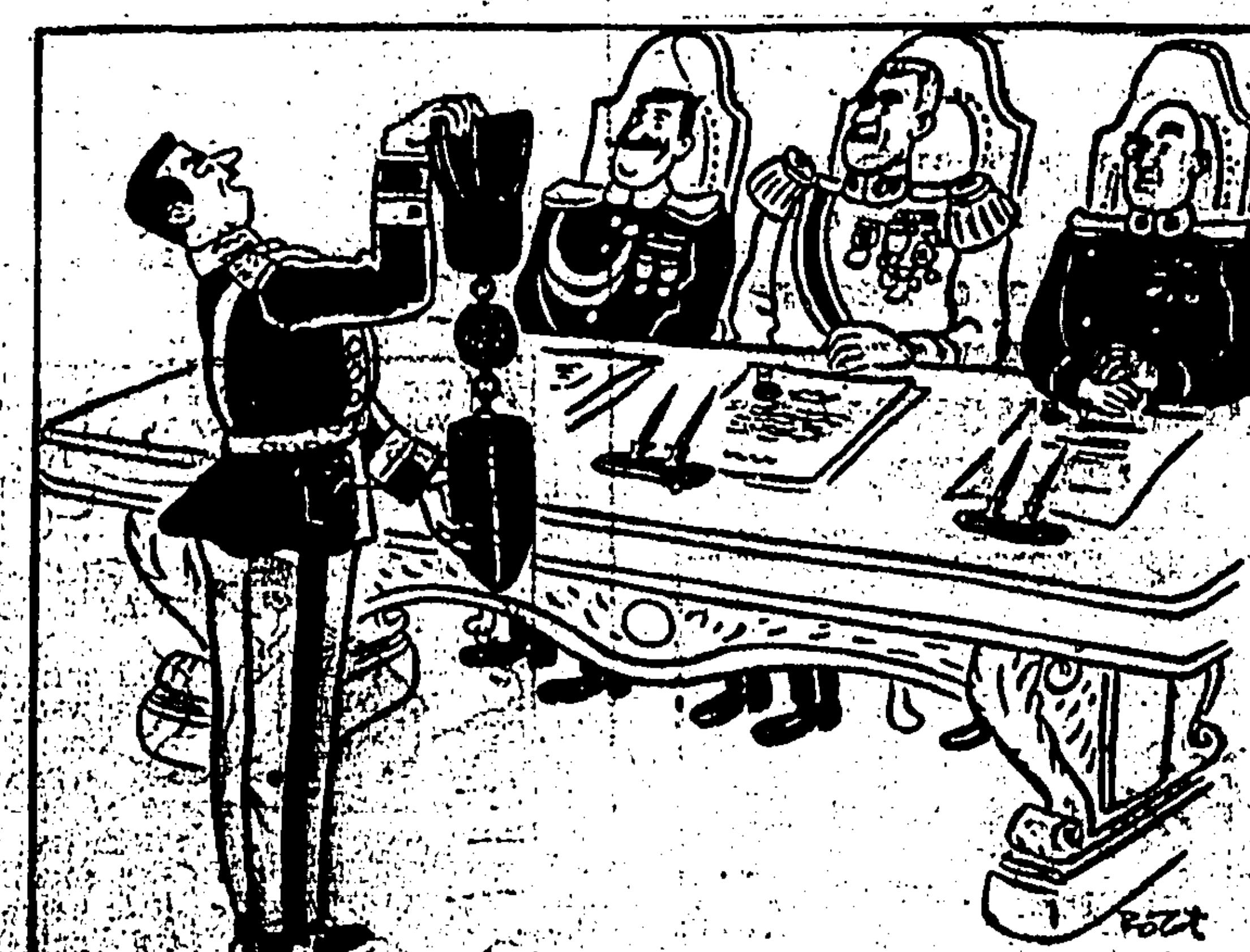
The stores in Mr. Ferrier's ambulances are furnished by tall, handsome Mr. J. E. Goff, a businesslike man with a gruff voice and a soft heart.

Last war he spent £7,000,000 of the society's money buying and distributing medical stores. This time he has been sending stores to France, Finland, and Turkey.

In peace time he is an efficiency expert—has saved two firms from bankruptcy, organised N.A.A.F.I. on a sound financial basis, was on the board of several business concerns.

Mrs. J. R. Bryans, wife of Lieut.-Commr. Bryans and daughter of Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Shipping, is quiet expert. All inquiries pass through her. Her telephone rings ceaselessly for 8½ hours a day; she has a constant stream of callers.

Probably the most capable woman in the organisation is Miss Judith Jackson, senior official in the department dealing with matters concerning war prisoners. Men say of her: "She's ready confessed."



Milan

"Guerin Meschino"

Russian Armaments

"The Finns did it with their knives."

the most capable person I've met—male or female," or "She's got a man's brain."

Chief of the Central Hospital Supply Service—which handles all supplies made by voluntary workers in England and Wales—is Viscountess Falmonth.

She cycles to work from her home in Belgravia at 9.30 every morning. She gave up her car because she did not feel justified in accepting an extra ration of petrol.

No Complaints.

The comedian who made this wisecrack a few days ago in a Munich cabaret got a year's imprisonment for his pains:

"In the old days we couldn't complain; everything was all right. Now everything is even better, but how happy we would be if everything was

Snatched Own Wife's

Handbag In The Dark

Arrested for purse-snatching at night, Fritz M. Jones, aged twenty-one, appeared in court at San Antonio, Texas, to be identified by his woman victim.

The woman took only one look at him. She said: "That can't be the man. That's my husband."

But she was wrong. Jones had already confessed.

SOMETIMES!

Filling in an application form to join the R.A.F., a young man came to the section in which applicants are asked to make comments about themselves. He was confronted with the query, "Sex?"

He answered, "Sometimes!" This story was told by a distinguished member of the French Military Mission during a Press conference in London.

Haw Haw, That's Me

Hamburg's radio announcer, arriving at the microphone five minutes late for an English broadcast, introduced himself as the man "described by the British Press as Lord Haw Haw."

"Let Use Embrace,

Kiss," Nazis Sing

When German stations would normally have been broadcasting news at ten last night they began playing a song called:

"I should like to embrace the whole world and kiss."

'No' To Bigger

Rations Plea

An appeal for bigger rations of butter, bacon and sugar for men engaged in heavy industries—it was made by the South Wales Miners Federation—was rejected by the Ministry of Food.

The Ministry stated that in view of the wide range of commodities not subject to rationing, it was not felt necessary to arrange for supplementary rations for particular classes of workers.

Fined For Improper

Use Of Torches

A number of people were summoned at Guildhall for improper use of hand torches. The police complained that the torches were flashed upwards and outwards instead of downwards, or that the lights were not dimmed by paper or other means. Sir Percy Greenaway, who stated that the maximum penalty for breach of the regulations was £100, imposed fines of 5s each on the defendants.



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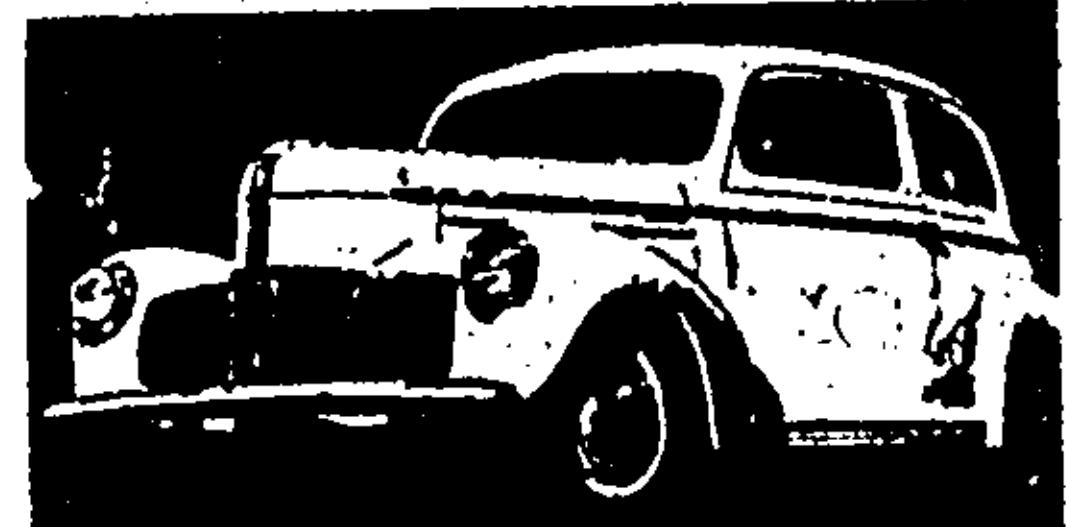
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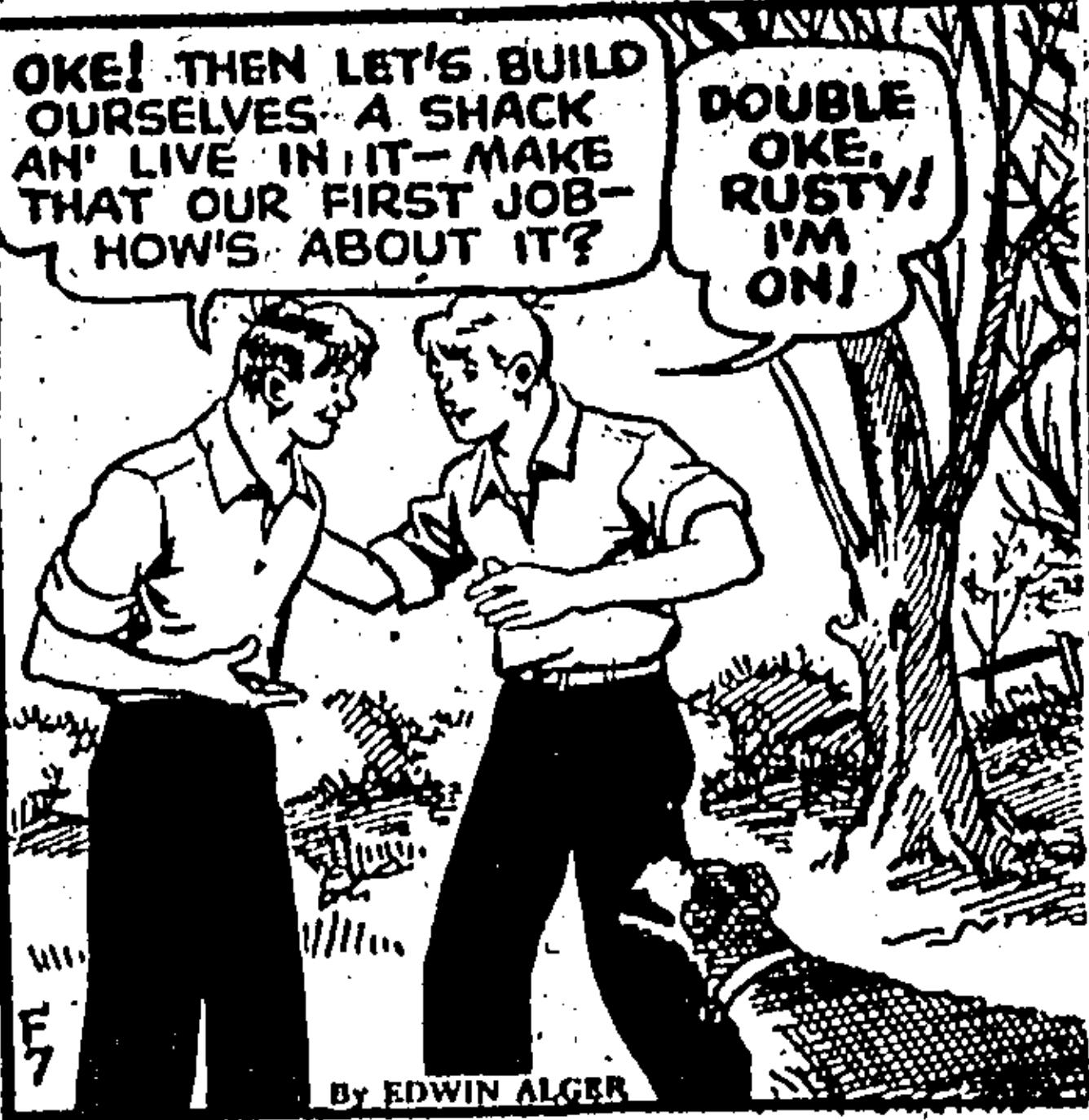
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SHORT STORY

THE LONE CUB LIVES

By F. A. M. Webster

BILL Seaton shooed away the troop of untamed monkeys which had assembled at his call, and handed back to its unanxious mother the tiny baby he was holding.

For a moment he stood with head inclined, listening intently. Sounds were echoing from the depths of that African forest which held a peculiar significance for the big, bronzed District Commissioner who was, not without cause, called by the natives, whose destinies he watched over, Bwana Anayenguvu Wanyama, or more briefly, Bwana Nguvu—"The Master Who Controls Animals."

The monkeys, too had heard a sound and were chattering with excitement. When a leopard screams with rage at high noon the lesser beasts of bush and jungle are wont to hearken and heed.

It was not the scream of the leopard, however, but the echo of harsh barking, that sent Bill Seaton stalking through the forest with long strides, as silent as the footsteps of a native hunter. High up among the tree-tops the troop of monkeys, intent upon appeasing their insatiable curiosity, passed from branch to branch in breath-taking bounds.

Presently the forest path debouched into an amphitheatre of tumbled rocks. Seaton, clearing the sweat from his eyes, just caught a glimpse of a big leopardess slinking away under a shower of stones, hurled at her by a dozen or more old-men baboons.

There was a revolver at his belt, but he did not so much as flip open the flap of the holster as he regarded the remainder of the ugly brutes into whose midst he had walked.

Young baboons, not yet come to the growth of manhood, cursed wickedly, females, bearing their babies jockey-fashion with tails intertwined, spat their venom at him; while the savage old men, having driven off the leopardess, came hurrying back.

The monkeys jumping up and down among the tree-tops looked on in eager anticipation.

Bill Seaton paid no heed. His grey eyes were fixed steadfastly upon an exceptionally big female baboon, who was carrying by the neck a half strangled leopard-cub. Nor did he move until the dangerous old men had formed a protective ring around the custodian of their captive.

Suddenly an order was snapped out harshly; whereupon a shudder ran through the watching beasts. The females withdrew altogether and the younger apes backed sullenly away. Only the savagely swearing old men stood their ground, maintaining the circle from which the female clutching the leopard cub could not escape.

Seaton moved a step forward, and was met with torrents of abuse and the threat of upraised sticks. Another step and the leader of the troop sprang forward to meet him. Seaton swept the descending stick aside, while the monkeys hooted and whistled in the tree-tops, and struck the big ape smartly across the muzzle with his open palm.

The cowed beast dropped to all fours, whimpering; the others fell silent, uncertain what would happen next. They were not left long in doubt.

Seaton, kicking a couple out of his path, made straight for the bitch with the cub. She covered away from his upraised hand and next moment the limp, but still breathing, body of the cub was in his arms.

At a second spitting command the troop of baboons departed, but they would have torn limb from limb any other person who had attempted to treat them as Seaton had done.

Left to his own devices, Bill turned his attention to the cub, which was slowly regaining consciousness, now that the suffocating pressure had been removed from its throat. He was still fondling the little creature when a shadow came between him and the sun. Looking up he saw a native, whose antecedents were mysterious, regarding him narrowly.

"Bwana Nguvu," said Tigiliki, "give me the mwana chani."

"And what, Tigiliki, do you want the leopard's cub?" Bill Seaton en-

quired.

"Bwana Nguvu, such beasts are sacred," came the surprising answer. The Commissioner treated the native to a long, level stare, before he sent him about his business. Leopards are sacred only to the Leopard Men, who represent perhaps the most dangerous and certainly the most devilish secret society in the whole of Africa.

After Tigiliki had departed muttering to himself, Bill Seaton, with the leopard cub tucked under his arm, commenced a careful search. It resulted in the finding among the tumbling rocks of the dead bodies of two other cubs belonging to the same litter as the one Seaton had rescued.

One small body the baboons had mangled almost beyond recognition, from the other the pelt had been removed by someone who was evidently an expert in the skinning of dead beasts.

Bill Seaton's tenderly humorous mouth moulded itself into the straight lines of a steel trap and the usual kindly smile went out of his eyes.

"Tigiliki!"

The name was pronounced scarcely above the Commissioner's breath, and yet the single word was given all the quality of an angry snarl. No one who had seen this big Englishman only when he was playing with and charming birds or beasts would have recognised the present death-mask expression of his features, which had suddenly taken, an extraordinary harshness.

The peace of Kalamba was very dear to Bill Seaton; neither the Leopard Men, who worship Kungai the Leopard God, Nabingi, who are sworn to drive all white people out of Africa, nor the priests of any other secret society had dared to practise their devilish rites in his district since he had stamped them out in his first year of office, but the evidence that now lay before him was bound to provide plenty of food for thought.

To qualify for priesthood an initiate of the Leopard sect must kill a leopard in single combat and take its pelt for his cloak. The Leopard Men's gloves, subsequently taloned with steel claws for the tearing of human sacrifices, are usually made from the skins of a pair of cubs. That was why Tigiliki had asked for the lone cub which lived by merit of the Commissioner's courage and the strange power he wielded over all wild things. The mystery which had surrounded this particular native for a long time was a mystery no longer.

Bill Seaton's serious cogitations were abruptly concluded by the now completely revived leopard cub nipping him sharply in the bare elbow. The explosive "Blast!" that rose to Bill's lips was never uttered. From somewhere close at hand came a grating, nerve-wracking noise, like the sound made by a blunt saw being driven through damp wood. A moment later the green eyes of the leopardess, who had made that noise as she sought for her lost cubs, were glaring down at Bill from a rock a dozen feet above his helmeted head.

This time he tried no tricks of the charming trouble from a savage rescued from the baboons. Next morning and human-hate are very close akin, and he was taking no chances. With a neat lob he landed the indignant cub on the rock ledge where its mother crouched, ready to spring. Then he slid out of sight round the corner of a big boulder and made his way to his bungalow.

The leopardess, well satisfied with the recovery of even one of her cubs, was content to let the white man depart unmolested.

Bill himself was far less complacent. When he reached his bungalow he sent at once for his sergeant of native police. This Shouish Abu bin Selim was a huge Soudanese whose intelligence was quite exceptional for a native.

"Take out a patrol, Shouish Abu," ordered Bill, "and bring in the man that normally Bill Seaton, sure of his own people, you understand they are named Tigiliki. Bring him in, cat darkness."

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shoulders and steel-clawed gloves upon his hands he must not die until we have talked face to face."

"Iwa, Effendi!"

The big Soudanese sergeant snapped hand to edge of scarlet turbush, turned smartly and left the verandah. A bugle call was sounded and within half an hour the patrol moved off.

They did not find Tigiliki, whom Bill Seaton would have hanged as high as Haman; but at the village they came to at the end of the third day's march there was lamentation and weeping.

Upon the preceding evening the daughter of the paramount chief had gone alone to draw water. In the morning her badly mauled body—throat torn out and limbs lacerated as by a leopard's claws—had been found by the bank of a river. In the mire, however, there were no pug marks but the imprint of human feet.

Shouish Abu bin Selim agreed with the paramount chief that the murder had been committed by a Leopard Man.

Meanwhile the bush telegraph, by throbbing native drums, had spread the news through all the forests of Kalamba that the servants of the Serkali (Government) were out and seeking for Tigiliki.

The unholy young scoundrel himself was not disturbed, for when the news reached him he was squatting in a secret place with a score of Leopard Men, each adorned with the horrible insignia of their sect, who he well knew would protect him to the death.

"Before another moon is born," said Tigiliki, "Bwana Nguvu must die."

A murmur of "Ewa"—which means death—ran round the attentive circle.

Crouched in the mouth of a cave, many miles away, an old crone named Samara, who was a noted witch-doctor and the mother of Tigiliki, also interpreted the message as it was tapped out by iron-wood sticks from the thin lips of the tree-trunk drums.

The old woman shuddered, but soon she remembered the tale told by her son of how the Bwana Nguvu had rescued a leopard cub from a troop of baboons and thereafter restored it to its dam.

A slow smile multiplied the innumerable increases in the old woman's wrinkled countenance. The season of the coming of the new moon, she imagined, would be propitious for the prosecution of the plan which was taking form already in her tortuous brain.

Two nights before the new moon was due to come to birth the aged Samara set out alone, and having reached a certain place, stripped off her verminous rags. With infinite patience she anointed every inch of her shrivelled flesh with a pungent lotion she distilled from a particular forest plant, the stupefying properties of which were known to but few natives, even among the Leopard sect.

The leopardess, into whose lair Samara crawled, sniffed delicately but did not move, nor was she disturbed even when the woman snuggled down against the warmth of her pelt.

Presently the leopardess slept and Samara stole away bearing with her the green eyes of the leopardess, who had made that noise as she sought for her lost cubs, were glaring down at Bill from a rock a dozen feet above his helmeted head.

This time he tried no tricks of the lone cub which Bill Seaton had rescued from the baboons. Next morning Bill found the little creature peacefully asleep in a corner of his verandah.

All through the day it slept while Bill wondered, for he knew nothing of the properties of the strong lotion with which Samara had bemused its brain and that of its mother.

How the creature had come into his verandah at all he could not imagine, but he decided to leave it where he had found it for the night. The cub was beginning to show signs of walking up by bed-time, so Bill Seaton placed a bowl of warm milk beside the comfortable nest in which it had slept all day. The night life of Africa had begun.

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that was unguarded, because that day he had despatched the native police sergeant and a yet stronger patrol upon a further march in search of Tigiliki.

Slowly the hours of rest stole away and dawn was not far off when a darker shadow detached itself from the black night and disappeared again into the dense shades of the verandah. Perhaps half an hour went by in a silence of quiet contentment.

Then other shadows appeared and the steps of the verandah creaked as someone ascended.

Still Bill Seaton slept on; but a silent watcher, crouched by the nest in which the cub lay, was alert.

The steps creaked again as the second of the slayers who had accompanied Tigiliki to settle the Commissioner, ascended.

Then the leopardess, who had lain for the last half hour suckling her cub, unloosed her pent up power in a mighty spring. As she sprang she struck with malevolent strength, and a man's skull crumpled like an eggshell beneath the impact of her taloned paw.

At the same instant one of the Leopard Men whipped the blanket from the lantern he had carried concealed. One glimpse he had of a bloody body lying prone with a leopard couched above it, then a wild cry broken from his lips.

"Kungai strikes!" he yelled and fled incontinently, followed by the rest who had come to help Tigiliki kill the Bwana Nguvu.

Bill Seaton, aroused by the uproar, appeared on the verandah, a heavy Service revolver in one hand, in the other a brightly shining electric torch.

Leopard Men, leopardess and cub, however, had vanished, and all he saw was Tigiliki lying in the pool of blood and brains which oozed slowly from his shattered skull.

Far off in her cave Samara awaited the coming of her son, of whose plans to kill the Commissioner she knew nothing, and the news that the leopardess, for whom she had laid a trail to the bungalow, had settled the accounts of the hated Bwana Nguvu, who had dared to issue orders for the apprehension of her beloved son Tigiliki.

Samara waited in vain, while Bill Seaton was left wondering.

GAS BALLOON RAID SCARE

Greatest poison-gas scare of the war—a statement that balloons filled with deadly fumes had been released from German submarines and were floating on the breeze towards the English coast—ran through the country recently.

But before night the rapidly expanding rumour had burst like the balloon which started it. The Air Ministry announced that the suspect balloon was one of the type used for getting weather information.

First warning of suspected "gas attack" was received by A.R.P. Intelligence in the Northumberland area.

Reports had been received that a balloon had been seen floating over the North Sea. Soon afterwards a zealand warden telephoned that he had found a burst balloon with a faint of gas about it.

At once A.R.P. services were mobilized.

When miners left Northumberland villages for work they were turned back by wardens and told not to go on the streets without their gas-masks. Children going to school were similarly warned.

From Northumberland the warnings spread as far north as St. Andrews and south to Durham, York, Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

After all this the mysterious balloon was carefully examined by experts.

They found that scared like it are used every day for weather investigation. Some have radio apparatus which would not poison a rabbit.

BRITISH COLONIAL POLICY

Discussion Raised In The House Of Lords

HONG KONG ELECTRIC MEETING

(Continued from Page 12)
602 in 1931 to \$3,011,933 in the year 1939. I think that an increase in the Auditors' fees is justified and I propose that Messrs. Linstead & Davis be re-elected Auditors for the year 1940 at a fee of \$3,600.

Carried unanimously.

Extraordinary Meeting

At the extraordinary meeting which followed the chairman said:—Before putting the Resolutions to increase the Company's Capital and to capitalise part of its Reserve Fund to the Meeting I think a few words of explanation as to our reasons for desiring to increase the Capital of the Company are due to you; you will be aware that the original authorised capital of the Company when it was formed in 1889 was \$300,000.00. In 1899 the Authorised Capital was increased to \$600,000.00. In 1920 the Authorised Capital was again increased to \$3,000,000.00 and was further increased to \$6,000,000.00 in 1928.

In the 12 years which have elapsed since our last increase of capital the generating capacity of the Power Station has been increased from 18,000 kilowatts to 54,000 kilowatts and the normal steaming capacity of our boiler house plant from 207,000 lbs. per hour to 557,000 lbs. per hour. In the same period the units generated have increased from 38 million odd to 72 million odd.

All these extensions have been financed out of revenue and consequently we think it only right that a part of our Reserve Fund should be capitalised but before we can do this it is necessary to increase the authorised capital.

We believe that progress will continue and to meet this our Engineers have advised us that provision must be made in the near future for the purchase of more generating plant, more boiler plant and a new main switchboard; it is hoped to continue the Company's long standing practice of financing extensions out of profit but we think it wise to make provision for calling up new capital should such a procedure become necessary.

REASONABLE CAPITAL

Your Directors are therefore of the opinion that it is advisable to increase the Capital to an authorised amount of \$18,000,000.00 now, rather than increase it from time to time as more issued Capital is required more especially as in their view the Company cannot possibly be considered to be otherwise than reasonably capitalised at that figure.

I trust you will be satisfied with this explanation and I now have

STRENGTHENING PERSONNEL IN SMALL COLONIES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
**THE RECENT STATEMENT OF POLICY ON CO-
LONIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE WAS
DISCUSSED BY THE LORDS YESTERDAY AT
THE INSTANCE OF LORD SNELL.**

Lord Moyne himself intervened in the debate and insisted on the importance of the economic and social aspect of colonial questions and in the West Indies in particular, where the Commission had seen discontent primarily due to poverty.

The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, the Under-Secretary, said the debate showed the Government were working in accordance with the sentiments of all those who were best qualified to give an opinion as to the value of the policy they were pursuing.

The five and a half million recommended was entirely new money; it had nothing to do with the grants in aid which had hitherto been made by the Treasury.

Although it was their firm intention, by the wise use of this development money, to dispense with grants in aid for the present, the status quo remained. They had asked the Colonies to prepare schemes in the hope that Parliament would approve them and they were already setting up the necessary machinery to devise proper schemes to be set up before the new committee when it came into existence.

Meanwhile the Colonial Office was taking other steps to equip itself and the Colonies for new developments.

STRENGTHENING PERSONNEL

They were considering how the personnel of the smaller colonies could best be strengthened for preparation and carrying out the programmes. They were also considering the composition of advisory committees.

pleasure in proposing that the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000.00 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10.00 each to \$18,000,000.00 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10.00 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with original Capital of the Company.

Mr. Wong Chi-po seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald will to-day make a short statement on his recent discussions with the French Colonial Ministry in Paris.

This visit had resulted in steps being taken to create both in London and in Paris an organisation to maintain permanent liaison between the two departments. The principle of the arrangements reached with the French Government is not in any sense exclusive and it is contemplated at a later stage to establish similar machinery for co-operation on colonial matters with the Dutch and Belgian Governments. — British Wireless.

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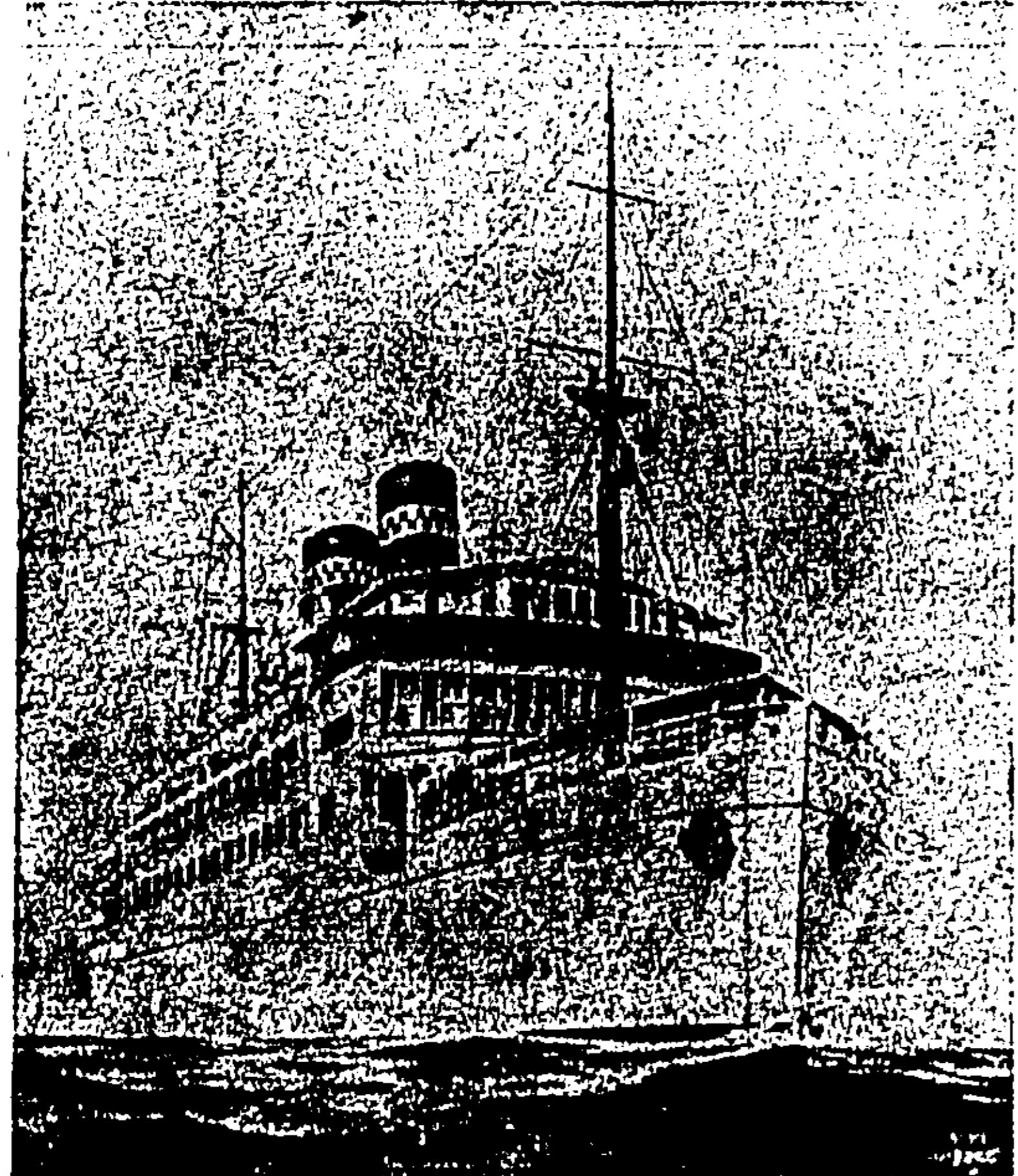
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SUBSTITUTE OIL FUELS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY. IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THE SECRETARY FOR MINES, MR. GEOFFREY LLOYD, SAID THE EFFECTIVE USE OF HOME-PRODUCED SUBSTITUTES FOR IMPORTED OIL WAS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT HE HAD ASKED A NUMBER OF LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRY, FINANCE AND SCIENCE, UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF SIR WILLIAM BRAGG, PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY, TO MAKE A RAPID SURVEY.

The body had completed its survey within a month and six specific questions were now being investigated simultaneously.

Action taken on the interim report had resulted in the obtaining of 32,000,000 gallons of substitute for imported fuels.

The report on crude benzole indicated this was being recovered at the rate of a million gallons a year, and extension of the voluntary effort should secure a further 12,000,000 gallons a year. — Reuter.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day. On March 19 there were 29 neutral ships in the United Kingdom contraband control bases, 12 having been there four days or less.

The total including 15 Dutch, 5 Belgian, 2 Italian, one each Danish, Eirean, Finnish, Norwegian, Portuguese, Greek and Swedish.

During the week ended March 16 the contraband committee considered 77 cargoes arrived since March 9 and 24 outstanding from the previous week.

The combined total included ships of the following nationalities: — 30 Italian, 20 Dutch, 15 Norwegian, 11 Danish, 7 Swedish, 5 United States, 4 Greek and in 44 cases the entire cargoes were released.

During the week 57 cases were dealt with under the advance copy manifest system, 28 ships being released subject to formal checking of the original manifests. — British Wireless.

ALLIED STAMP AGREED

Paris, To-day. A Franco-British stamp, first mooted a short while ago, has now been agreed upon.

The British Postmaster-General and the French Minister of Posts and Telegraphs have been in conversation in London and a communiqué issued in Paris yesterday afternoon reports that complete agreement has also been reached about a common plan for the despatch of international mails.—Reuter.

CHINESE COMMENT ON SYLT RAID

The "Ta Kung Pao," commenting on the R.A.F. raid on Sylt, says to-day:

"Avenging the German raid on Scapa Flow by bombing the German air bases on the Island of Sylt, the Royal Air Force staged, not only the biggest air raid, but, undoubtedly, the most successful since the war started.

"The raid is indicative of the strength of the British Air Force, and, at the same time demonstrates the attitude of the British forces in prosecuting the war.

"For several months past British planes have constantly carried out reconnaissance flights over Germany, observing and photographing military and naval and air bases.

"Therefore, by hitting their targets with heavy accurately aimed bombs, the Royal Air Force achieved results which they planned to obtain.

"It is not surprising; therefore, that both Britain and France attach so much importance to this raid.

"Frankly, this is the first real air raid of the war and it is to be wondered whether it is not the introduction of a more vigorous and large-scale offensive."

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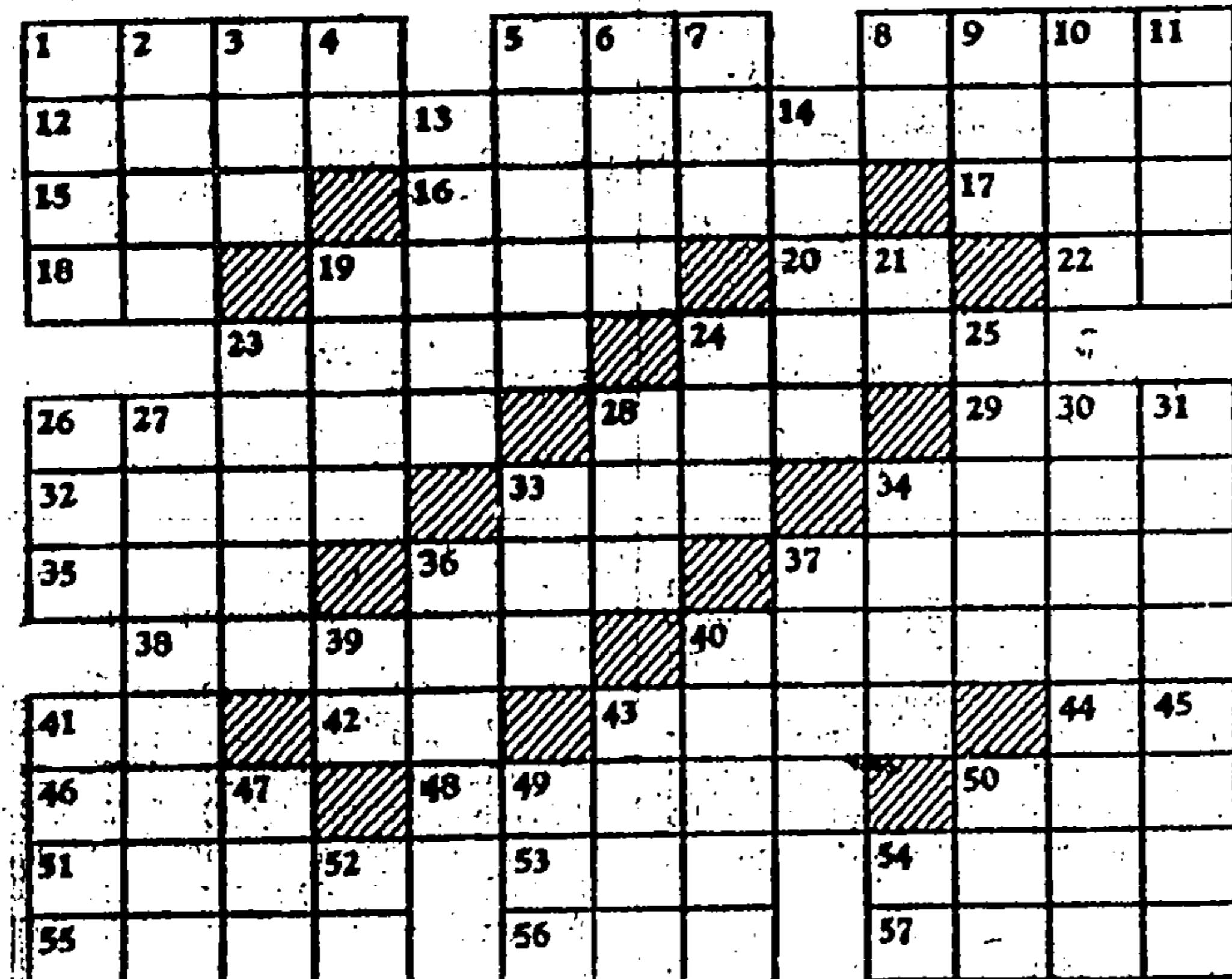
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- 8 Narrow road
- 12 Intervened
- 15 Filipino
- 16 Brownish
- 17 Before
- 18 French article
- 19 Contends
- 20 While
- 22 Concerning
- 23 Habit
- 24 To cease
- 26 Pieces of ground
- 28 To hasten
- 29 Goddess of harvest
- 32 To alleviate
- 33 To soak
- 34 Worry
- 35 Skill
- 36 Humorist
- 37 Harness horse
- 38 Kingly
- 40 Inlet
- 41 Chinese measure
- 42 Conjunction
- 43 Walking stick

44 Type measure

46 Past

48 Male duck

50 African antelope

51 Sharp taste

53 Custom

54 Low voice

55 Dirk

56 Evil

57 Organs

VERTICAL

1 Graduated plate

2 Heraldic device

3 Greek letter

4 Pronoun

5 Ant

6 Insect traps

7 Holland commune

8 Musical syllable

9 Goddess of mischief

57

10 Roman tyrant

11 Garden

13 Destroys

14 Indignant

19 Ballot

21 In this way

23 To dissipate

24 To taste

25 To encroach

26 Edible seed

27 Moccasin

28 Porcine mammal

30 Affection

31 Weight of India

33 Sodium chloride

34 To confine

36 Political division

37 To long

39 To run

40 Cooked

41 Hindu

43 Italian house

45 To disarrange

47 Unit

49 Difficulty

50 Merry

52 Earth goddess

54 To exist

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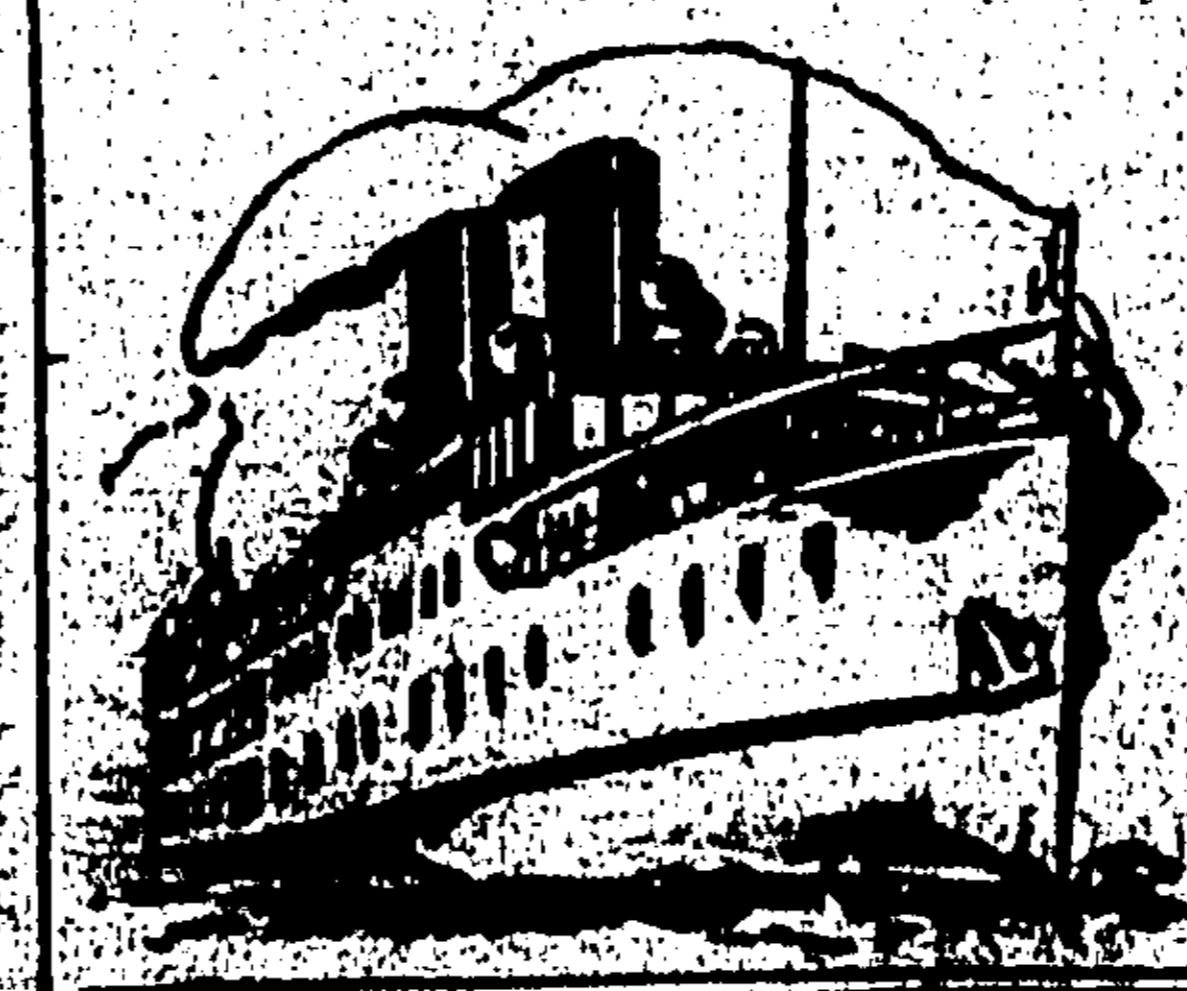
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**CHINESE
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A RESOLUTION PROPOSING A FINAL DIVIDEND OF \$2 A SHARE, MAKING A TOTAL OF \$10 A SHARE FOR THE YEAR, WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED. MR. LEUNG, KWAI-TIN, CHAIRMAN, SAID:—

The net profit for the year shows an increase of \$32,215.58 over that of the previous year. This is attributable to the fact that owing to the advantageous position of the China building all shops and office rooms were let during the year.

The sum of \$50,000 provided for reserve for depreciation on China building is \$20,000 more than that of the previous year. It is the opinion of the directors and of the auditor that it would be prudent to adopt a conservative policy.

Your directors are glad to be able to recommend to you a larger dividend this year. As you know, there have already been four payments of interim dividends each of \$2 per share, amounting in all to \$8. Your directors are now pleased to recommend a final dividend of \$2 per share, making a total of \$10 per share for the year, as compared with \$9 for the previous year. Your directors are of the opinion that the present sound position of the company justifies the payment of this larger dividend.

Resolutions were carried unanimously adopting the report and accounts, re-electing Messrs. Fung Ping-fan and Leung Ting-kai (retiring directors), and re-appointing Mr. Li Tung as auditor.

**TRINITY COLLEGE
EXAMINATION RESULT**

The following are the results of the local Theory Examination held in December 1939, at the University of Hong Kong, as supplied by the Local Secretary of the Trinity College of Music, London.

Miss Lily Yeung having passed the full Diploma Examination has obtained the degree of Associate of the College (A.T.C.L.).

Other awards are as follows:—

**EXAMINATION FOR TEACHER'S
DIPLOMA**

Dorothy J. Henderson, Rosabel Hsu, Intermediate Division Pass with Merit:—Cheung Lai Wan, Pansy Li, Gloria J. Moss, Wong Yan Fai. Pass:—Lily Lien Sung, Melba M. de Sousa, Wong Fung Seen, Alice Yui, Emily Yui, Virginia Yvanovich. Junior Honours:—Norman Broadbridge.

LOCAL SHARES

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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 25/32.

Silver was quoted at 21 spot and 21 forward.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will close from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

E. COCK,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 27th February, 1940.





An action shot during St. Patrick's Day bowls game.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

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In accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of public business on FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 22nd, 23rd and 25th March, 1940. (Easter Holidays).

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPIE VALLEY on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th March, 1940, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 12 Noon and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$2.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 10.45 a.m. on both days.

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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1940.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

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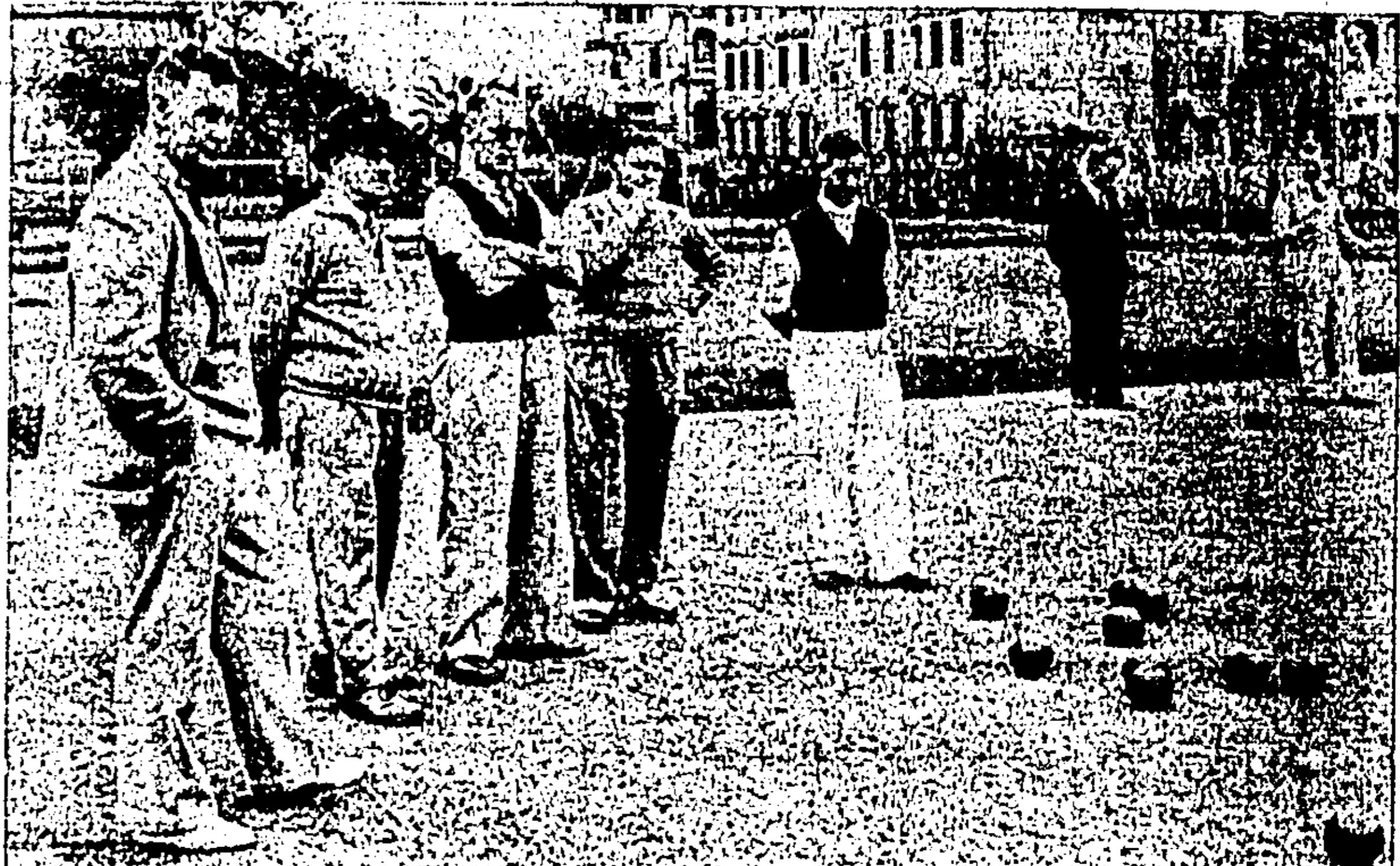
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FLYING DUTCHMAN AND VALOROUS LOOK GOOD FOR "DOUBLE"

(By "RAPIER")

THE Second Extra Race Meeting, under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club, will form the main attraction in local sporting events during the Easter holidays, spreading over two days. The first race on each day will commence at 12.30 p.m. with the tiffin interval immediately after the running of the second race. There are 10 races each day, the most interesting event on Saturday being the Sub-Griffins Spring Handicap, while on Monday the Easter Stakes will be the big attraction.

There is every reason to anticipate that fine weather conditions will prevail and the meeting should attract a big crowd.

MIRS BAY STAKES: ONE MILE
The opening race is confined to China ponies, griffins of this season, but winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes are barred. Weight 10 lbs. under weight for inches. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes.

Going through a process of elimination, I think we need only look for the winner among the following:—

Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei).
Johnber (Mr. Chao).
O-Lan (Mr. Needa).

White Diamond (Mr. Pih).

O-Lan, in view of its two seconds behind Burford in the Racing Stakes and Craigavon in the Griffins Spring Handicap over a mile during the Annual Meeting, should be regarded as the best pony here, and I think it will account for this race. Johnber should be in the running, however, but it may meet with strong opposition from White Diamond. Distinctive Time, which was officially fourth in the Loiterers Stakes over six furlongs at the last Meeting, should be worth considering as the pony is at present coming on nicely in its track work.

ALBURY HANDICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

This event is confined to "A" Class Australian ponies and old and new ponies will again clash. Far View (Mr. Pih), champion Australian at the Annual Meeting, although given top weight of 165 lbs., will probably command the most support in the betting, and if it runs to form I cannot see how it can be beaten. Baffin Bay (Mr. Hearne), which lost to Far View by a short head in the Australian Ponies Champions, is carrying 1 lb. less and, as it is in the pink of condition, it should give the champion a great fight if it does not actually beat it. Sapper, which will have the services of Mr. Davis in the absence of Mr. Encarnacao, who has gone North since the last Meeting, has been allotted 160 lbs., but although having a slight advantage in weight from the above two ponies, I don't think it can cause an upset, though it should place again. The distance should suit Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei) very well—it will be recalled that this pony led from the start in the Australian Ponies Champions right up to the two-mile post, when it faded out of the race, and if Mr. Wei can take the lead again I think it will stand a good chance of winning.

HONGHAM BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS
In this first section of the race for "B" Class China ponies, Clember and Dupont Bay have been given top weight of 168 lbs., followed by Bear Clay, 164 lbs., and Lilliber, 163 lbs. In order to win here, the above ponies will have to reveal outstanding form.

which I don't think we can expect, and so they can be left out of consideration. Hopeful Star (Mr. Hearne), due to its win in the Hong Kong Handicap over 1 1/4 miles at the last Meeting has been penalised 7 lbs., and in view of the short distance I don't think it can win.

I am looking to Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih), which ran unplaced in this same race and with 3 lbs. less on Saturday, to win here, but if Mr. Wei is given the mount on Possible a close fight may be expected between these two ponies.

Avon (Mr. Black), Rose Emily (Mr. Poy) and Galaxy (Mr. Chao) may have something to say with regard to the third position, but I don't think they can win.

SUB-GRIFFINS SPRING HANDICAP: 1 1/4 MILES

This is the main event of the day, in which Subscription griffins of any season will compete with ponies classified "B" Class barred. The handicapper has given top weight to Marksman, champion sub. of 1939, which is making its first appearance after a long absence from racing, and I think it can be left alone. I have a strong preference for Celtic Star (Mr. Hearne) and, although it was beaten by Guinness Time (Mr. Wei) in the Royal Navy Cup over the two mile post distance, it must be remembered that on this occasion this pony ran a mile on the previous day in the Garrison Cup, when it carried 165 lb. and came in second to Musketeer. Strathbannock (Mr. Black), which was carrying 171 lbs. when it lost to Guinness Time in the Royal Navy Cup, should have a good chance of avenging its last defeat from this pony.

ROSEHILL STAKES: ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," the result of which will be decided by Australian ponies of this season with winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes barred. Weight: 10 lb. under weight for inches. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes.

Flying Dutchman (Mr. Needa), which dead-heated with Sparrow for first position in the Albury Stakes at the Annual Meeting, has a good chance of winning, and there is Lucky Lady to be reckoned with if it is again ridden by Mr. Hearne, as it dead-heated with Amicus Curiae in the Perth Plate (Second Section) over the mile at the Annual Meeting. Maple Star (Mr. Black), which was third to Albury in the Randwick Plate over a mile at the last meeting, is a fast-improving pony and should not be disregarded. Among the other ponies that did not start at the Annual Meeting, there are two that can give the above a good fight and they are Piccadilly Jim and Rowan, both of which have been showing good form at morning gallops.

FRIDAY FEATURES ON SATURDAY

There being no issues of the "China Mail" to-morrow (Good Friday) Bowling Alley Jottings and Army Sportlight will appear on Saturday.

TAIWAY BAY HANDICAP: ONE MILE

In this race for the first lot of "D" Class China ponies the likely winner should come from one of the following: Night View (Mr. Pih).
Piet Hein (Mr. Needa).
This Time (Mr. Wei).
Willynilly (Mr. Chao).

This Time won the Chefoo Handicap over the two mile post distance at the Annual Meeting and it has been penalised 11 lbs. There is little doubt, however, that it can handle this extra weight and still win. The real danger, however, is Willynilly, which won the Taiping Handicap with Mr. C. F. Chiu up, over six furlongs. This pony is capable of lasting out the mile and with a change of jockey in Mr. Chao it should command the most support. Night View, which was second to This Time in the Chefoo Handicap, must also be considered as this distance is more to its liking. Piet Hein, with only 150 lbs. to carry, looks most tempting, and if it does not take the lead from the start it has a good chance of winning.

GIN DRINKERS BAY HANDICAP: HALF A MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double," which will feature "E" Class China ponies with novice jockeys riding, and it is indeed going to be hard to spot the likely winner. Mr. Trevor, an improving novice rider, will be taking out Valorous and, although this pony failed badly in its last outing, it should stand a good chance of winning. Gallant Marshal will be ridden by Mr. Ho Hong-ping, and, if given a good start, this pony may do well. Lucky Eleven (Mr. H. A. de Botelho), which ran quite nicely to come in second to Arabian Cat in the Double Handicap (First Section) at Fanling last Sunday, should be well up at the finish. Lancashire Chap (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) is not bad for this sprint event and should not be treated lightly as this pony is very speedy. Heddon will be taken out by another fast-improving novice jockey in Mr. Chiu Ki-fan and, as it lost by a neck to Lucky Eleven last Sunday at Fanling, it too should be very near at the finish. Popular Star is improving and may be dangerous. For an outsider I recommend Geordie, which will be taken care of by Mr. R. M. Wood.

SYDNEY HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to "D" Class Australian ponies and, judging from the entries, I will not be far wrong in stating that the finish will be fought out between the following ponies:

Franklin (Mr. Needa).
Macquarie River (Mr. Davis).
Sea Urchin (Mr. Proulx).
Springhurst (Mr. Poy).

Franklin, which ran fourth in the Randwick Plate (First Section) over the mile at the last meeting, has the best recommendation for a win here. I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Macquarie River, which was second to Pumpernickel in the Laggards' Handicap (six furlongs) at the 13th Extra meeting last year. Sea Urchin ran quite well in the Australian Grand National Steeplechase at Fanling last Sunday, when carrying 165 lbs., to come in second to Glorious Star and should be borne in mind. Springhurst has been improving lately and should not be disregarded as it is capable of springing a surprise in this race.

HONGHAM BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This race will be contested by second section "B" Class China ponies, and an interesting struggle should ensue between

Jennifer (Mr. Proulx).
Jober (Mr. Chao).
Peaceful View (Mr. Pih).

After its convincing win in the Hong Kong Handicap (Second Section) over 1 1/4 Miles at the last meeting, Jober has been penalised 7 lbs. and as the distance is only six furlongs it should be well up at the finish. There is Jennifer to be considered, as this pony, which won the Second Section of the Ichang Handicap over the two miles post at the Annual Meeting, is fast over this distance and it is also quite capable of winning. The shorter distance also favours Peaceful View, and, if given a good start, it may avenge its last defeat at the hands of Jober.

TAIWAY BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

The second lot of "D" Class China ponies will battle out the finish of this final event of the first day. Desert Star, Estover and Good Morning have each to carry 168 lbs. and with such a heavy burden to handle they may safely be left out of all consideration. The ponies to watch are

Fei Ying (Mr. Wei).
Gold Coin (Mr. Liang).
Portrush (Mr. Tao).
Wilber (Mr. Chao).

Wilber may find 162 lbs. a little too great a handicap, but with Mr. Chao on top it should not be overlooked. Fei Ying failed in the Shamrock Stakes at Fanling last Sunday, but with only 144 lbs. to carry it should be borne in mind: Portrush, which was second in the Hay and Corn Stakes at the last meeting, if kept back for the last half mile, should be in the running for the first position. Gold Coin does not seem to be its usual self, but should it reveal some of its old form it will prove dangerous.

CORRESPONDENCE

To "Squaddy."

Sir,—On reading your Army Sportlight Column in the "China Mail" of March 15, 1940, I understand that you have forecasted Cpl. Sutherland to win the Colony Marathon. Undoubtedly, my dear friend, you have overlooked that outstanding runner, Manson of the Royal Scots.

In the two previous Marathons Manson was 4th and 2nd respectively and in last year's Area Cross Country he was 8th, being the first Britisher home. Sutherland who finished 26th in this year's run, has a long way to go before reaching Manson's standard. Don't you think that you have been rather hasty in your judgment as regards Cpl. Sutherland and this year's Marathon.

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TENNIS

CLOSE SINGLES
MATCHES
EXPECTED

(By "ADREM")

Although none of the contestants are likely to go very far in the tournament, two singles matches in the Colony tennis tournament down for this afternoon, should be very close affairs.

A. Crawford will be opposed to Pang Oi-lam, in one of them, and Wei Chung meets Tennie Kwok in the other.

Crawford has not made the improvement expected of him when he first competed in the Colony championship but is nevertheless a difficult man to beat. Pang must be considered one of the most promising of the younger C.R.C. players. He has not met with outstanding success in the C.R.C. tournaments, but, at Kowloon Tong, where he is also a member and where the standard is fairly useful, he made a clean sweep this year, winning the singles championship and handicap events, the doubles championship and was runner-up in the doubles handicap, in partnership with Lee

S. A. RUMJAHN WINS
EASILY AGAINST GRAY

(By "ADREM")

ANOTHER postponement has to be added to the already long list in the current Colony tennis championships, this one being conceded by Paul Kong and Szeto Bick to A. V. Remedios and John Gonsalves.

This match gave promise of being a very good one as the Chinese pair

Kam-ming.

Wei Chung, a great defensive player, will have to be at his best to dispose of Tennie Kwok, the South China stylist.

The Tsui brothers will also be on view this afternoon against A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack.

OPEN SINGLES

A. Crawford v. Pang Oi-lam (1).
Wei Chung v. Tennie Kwok (4).

J. S. Theobald or T. C. Chan v. O. Umetani (6).

OPEN DOUBLES

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. A. R. Kitchell and I. M. A. Razack (8).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

H. J. Armstrong v. R. G. Biesel Jr. (6).

HANDICAP SINGLES

C. B. Nicholson (—3/0) or E. R. Childe (—1/0) v. T. J. Gould (—30) or R. C. Beavan (—2/0) (7).

HANDICAP DOUBLES

A. Lade and G. W. Sewell (—5/0) v. W. G. Harvey and A. H. Barwell (scratch) (2).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

C. H. R. and Mrs. Hyde (—30) v. J. R. M. Smith and Mrs. D. E. B. Smith (scratch) (3).

KOWLOON EXPECTED TO WIN AT GOLF

To-morrow Happy Valley Golf Club are sending a team to meet Kowloon Golf Club in their biannual match for the Kowloon-Valley Ashes, a trophy subscribed to by members of both clubs in 1936, when these matches became officially recognised.

The game's the thing in this series of matches, and the winning of the trophy is of only secondary importance, but, despite the spirit of camaraderie which prevails, there have been many close finishes and the position to date is: Valley 6 wins; Kowloon 4 wins; and Valley have scored 28½ points more than Kowloon in the course of the 10 matches played.

To-morrow Kowloon are expected

to win fairly comfortably. Four of the first six Valley players are probable winners, but none of the last ten are likely to win their singles matches.

Following are the starting times, Kowloon G.C. team named first:

SINGLES

- 9.00 A. E. Davies, J. T. Smith.
- 9.04 R. K. Collings, R. Young.
- 9.08 A. J. Dennis, A. McKellar.
- 9.12 W. S. Hillier, W. Sharp.
- 9.16 E. F. Fincher, D. Humphries.
- 9.20 W. C. Simpson, T. Low.
- 9.24 W. A. Stewart, H. H. Mundy.
- 9.28 J. D. Thomson, A. C. I. Bowker.
- 9.32 T. Lamb, H. Smith.
- 9.36 A. A. Lopes, G. Davis.
- 9.40 W. V. Ahern, T. B. Low.
- 9.44 F. C. Barry, J. A. R. Selby.
- 9.48 G. P. Murphy, A. H. Penn.
- 9.52 G. Milne, G. Willerton.

9.56 A. W. Ramsey, N. J. Booker.

10.00 A. L. Eastman, G. T. May.

Reserves:

10.04 W. Kershaw, E. Tuck.

10.08 W. Bastin, W. Stoker.

FOURSOMES

- 2.15 A. E. Davies and R. K. Collings; J. T. Smith and R. Young.
- 2.20 A. J. Dennis and W. S. Hillier, A. McKellar and W. Sharp.
- 2.25 E. F. Fincher and W. C. Simpson, D. Humphries and T. Low.
- 2.30 W. A. Stewart and J. D. Thomson, H. H. Mundy and A. C. I. Bowker.
- 2.35 T. Lamb and A. A. Lopes, H. Smith and G. Davis.
- 2.40 W. V. Ahern and F. C. Barry, T. B. Low and J. A. R. Selby.
- 2.45 G. P. Murphy and G. Milne, A. H. Penn and G. Willerton.
- 2.50 A. W. Ramsey and A. L. Eastman, N. J. Booker and G. T. May.

Results:

2.55 W. Kershaw and W. Bastin, E. Tuck and W. Stoker.

Results to date have been, giving the hosts first:

	Points	Points
1935—Kowloon	16½	Valley 17½
Valley	17½	Kowloon 16½
1936—Kowloon	22½	Valley 7½
Valley	22½	Kowloon 11½
1937—Kowloon	18	Valley 10½
Valley	14½	Kowloon 15
1938—Kowloon	11	Valley 22½
Valley	30½	Kowloon 6
1939—Kowloon	16½	Valley 15
Valley	17	Kowloon 13½
Totals—		
	Valley 175½	Kowloon 146½

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GOLF STARTING TIMES

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling Good Friday, 22nd March, 1940.

OLD COURSE

9.16 a.m.	G. C. Worrall, N. D. Lloyd.
9.20 ..	G. T. Herrington, F. W. Chandler.
9.24 ..	A. B. Stafford, G. Thomerson.
9.28 ..	D. J. S. Crozier, H. S. Jones.
9.32 ..	L. R. Cramer, B. O. Baldwin.
9.36 ..	W. J. Kelly, P. E. Annis.
9.40 ..	J. B. Mackie, L. R. Andrewes.
9.44 ..	H. J. Armstrong, C. C. Black.
9.48 ..	J. Redman, H. A. Mills.
9.52 ..	R. C. Gardner, M. G. Carruthers.
9.56 ..	Comdr. Hole, J. Linsker.
10.00 ..	F. D. Hunter, A. Sommerfelt.
10.04 ..	W. Cruickshank, L. C. F. Belalmy.
10.08 ..	R. G. Parker, Capt. Thursby.
10.12 ..	H. F. Phillips, Cdr. Nicholson.
10.16 ..	W. F. Arndt, J. W. Clague.
10.20 ..	H. M. Rewland, P. M. Cotton.
10.24 ..	R. S. W. Paterson, H. R. Butters.
10.28 ..	C. Finch, E. C. Norris.
10.32 ..	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36 ..	A. Morse, K. S. Morrison.
10.40 ..	G. M. Park, J. M. Pearson.
10.44 ..	V. R. Gordon, J. R. Collis.
10.48 ..	G. A. L. Plummer, J. Harrop.
10.52 ..	W. C. Botcherly, W. F. G. Harris.
10.56 ..	F. Groves, J. Stenersen.
11.00 ..	N. K. Littlejohn, H. N. Williamson.
11.04 ..	P. Suckling, C. Rowcliffe.
11.06 ..	E. T. McMullen, W. Hewitt.
11.12 ..	J. W. Mayhew, A. V. Greaves.
11.16 ..	S. Crawford, J. B. Harrison.
11.20 ..	A. T. Lay, H. B. Williamson.
11.24 ..	W. Woodward, G. W. E. Bishop.
11.28 ..	H. V. Wilkinson, Col. Rose.

NEW COURSE

9.20 a.m.	Mrs. Meredith, Miss Dodwell.
9.28 ..	L. M. S. Lloyd, R. K. Valentine.
9.36 ..	Mrs. Rowell, J. C. Brown.
9.44 ..	E. McLeod, E. S. Hall.
9.52 ..	H. C. and Mrs. Sturgess Wells.
10.00 ..	J. H. B. Lee, Col. Holt.
10.08 ..	O. E. C. Marton, Capt. Macrae.
10.16 ..	L. and Mrs. Jackson.
10.24 ..	Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Finch.
10.32 ..	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Overy.
10.40 ..	Sir Vandeleur and Miss Grayburn.
10.48 ..	Mrs. Plummer, Mrs. Harrop.
10.56 ..	J. B. Lanyon, Major Mackenzie.
11.04 ..	E. W. J. Wedlock, A. G. James.
11.08 ..	Mrs. Wedlock, Mrs. James.
11.16 ..	Col. Newnham, Col. Rudolf.
11.24 ..	Major Allen, Capt. Warreck.

RELIEF COURSE

9.32, 9.36, 9.44, 9.48, 9.50, 10.00, 10.08 and 10.12 are reserved for R.H.K.G.C. Ladies match versus Kowloon Golf Club Ladies.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling Saturday, 23rd March, 1940.

OLD COURSE

9.16 a.m.	J. Harrop, J. W. Mayhew.
9.20 ..	A. B. Purves, A. V. Greaves.
9.24 ..	P. Morrison, M. G. Carruthers.
9.29 ..	G. T. Harrington, R. G. Parker.
9.32 ..	A. W. Hodges, J. L. Dalziel.
9.36 ..	L. A. R. Duncan, H. C. Sturgess Wells.
9.40 ..	Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, T. Megarry.
9.44 ..	D. H. Clark, G. Dodds.
9.48 ..	H. Evelle, Count d'Hardivilliers.
9.52 ..	A. Ritchie, E. M. Bryden.
9.56 ..	J. Redman, J. W. Anderson.
10.00 ..	G. Thomerson, H. J. D. Lowe.
10.04 ..	P. S. Cassidy, K. S. Morrison.
10.12 ..	R. Young, J. C. Taylor.
10.16 ..	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. C. Watson.
10.28 ..	S. Crawford, S. L. Lloyd.

NEW COURSE

9.24 a.m.	A. E. and Mrs. Lissaman.
9.28 ..	Mrs. Rowell, J. C. Brown.
9.36 ..	Mrs. Sturgess Wells, Mrs. Duncan.
10.16 ..	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Watson.
10.28 ..	Mrs. Bousfield, Mrs. Lloyd.

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The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for the Shanghai Visitors' Cup, to be held at Fanling on Sunday.

OLD COURSE

9.20 a.m.	L. R. Andrews, Cdr. Nicholson.
9.25 ..	A. McKellar, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.30 ..	D. Humphreys, E. T. McMullen.
9.35 ..	D. L. Prophet, W. Hewitt.
9.40 ..	S. T. Butlin, H. A. Mills.
9.45 ..	A. D. Humphreys, B. D. Evans.
9.50 ..	F. C. Young, J. W. Mayhew.
9.55 ..	A. Sommerfelt, K. S. Morrison.
10.00 ..	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.05 ..	A. J. Dennis, J. T. Smith.
10.10 ..	B. D. Sinclair, J. M. Pearson.
10.15 ..	Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, Col. Matthews.
10.20 ..	T. Megarry, D. M. MacDougall.
10.25 ..	A. H. McBride, L. Jackson.
10.30 ..	R. Young, F. Groves.
10.35 ..	I. P. Tamworth, J. B. Mackie.
10.40 ..	W. W. C. Shewan, D. S. Edward.
10.45 ..	T. E. Pearce, C. C. Black.
10.50 ..	T. A. Pearce, F. D. Hunter.
10.55 ..	R. R. de L. Liesching, E. G. Price.
11.00 ..	H. H. Mundy, K. S. Robertson.
11.05 ..	D. S. Robb, W. A. Stewart.
11.10 ..	Comdr. Hole, A. B. Purves.
11.15 ..	W. Sharp, T. Low.
11.20 ..	H. J. D. Lowe, J. Linaker.
11.25 ..	S. L. Lloyd, G. Thomerson.
11.30 ..	G. C. Worrall, G. M. Park.
11.35 ..	G. W. Reeve, F. J. de Rome.
11.40 ..	J. L. C. Pearce, D. I. Bosanquet.

NEW COURSE

9.20 a.m.	H. S. Jones, E. L. Groome.
9.24 ..	C. D. N. Walker*, G. G. Aitkenhead*.
9.32 ..	W. J. Roberts*, A. V. Greaves*.
9.36 ..	Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Greaves.
9.48 ..	L. M. S. Lloyd, R. B. Mace.
9.52 ..	F. Buckle*, J. C. Brown*.
10.00 ..	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.04 ..	H. F. Phillips, A. C. Meredith.
10.12 ..	F. A. Redmond*, A. T. Lay*.
10.16 ..	D. C. Loncraine*, J. P. Fehily*.
10.24 ..	T. R. Rowell*, A. D. S. Murray*.
10.32 ..	W. J. Kelly, J. W. Clague.
10.36 ..	H. M. Rowland, P. M. Cotton.
10.44 ..	Mrs. Shewan, Mrs. Edward.
10.52 ..	Lt. Carter*, M. G. Carruthers*.
10.56 ..	G. T. Harrington*, Lt. Jesserman*.
11.04 ..	Col. Newnham*, Col. Rudolf*.
11.08 ..	Col. Shackleton, Major Mackenzie.
11.16 ..	Lt. Cdr. and Mrs. Linton.

*Unsuccessful in ballot for Old Course.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling Easter Monday, 25th March, 1940.

OLD COURSE

9.16 a.m.	C. D. N. Walker, R. C. Gardiner.
9.20 ..	A. B. Purves, T. Megarry.
9.24 ..	J. G. Jenson, J. von Muhlen.
9.28 ..	J. Fleming, P. S. Cassidy.
9.32 ..	J. L. C. Pearce, D. I. Bosanquet.
9.36 ..	A. L. Potter, E. L. Groome.
9.40 ..	L. M. Wylie, C. G. Aitkenhead.
9.44 ..	A. McKellar, W. Park.
9.48 ..	A. E. Lissaman, H. C. Sturgess Wells.
9.52 ..	Comdr. Hole, E. Nelson.
9.56 ..	H. Evelle, M. Gardan.
10.00 ..	L. M. S. Lloyd, M. G. Carruthers.
10.04 ..	S. C. Feltham, D. Allen.
10.08 ..	G. H. Cautherley, Comdr. Nicholson.
10.12 ..	T. A. Pearce, A. K. Mackenzie.
10.16 ..	J. Redman, Capt. Thursby.
10.20 ..	J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.
10.24 ..	L. Jackson, J. C. Brown.
10.28 ..	B. H. Fuckle, J. C. Taylor.
10.32 ..	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

NEW COURSE

9.24 a.m. A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.

9.32 .. G. T. Harrington, Miss Weller.

9.44 .. Mrs. McKellar, Mrs. Park.

9.48 .. Mrs. Lissaman, Mrs. Sturgess Wells.

10.16 .. Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Rowell.

10.32 .. Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

10.44 .. Sir Vandeleur and Miss Grayburn.

LEAGUE TABLES

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	Games	P. W. L. F. A. Pts.

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Recital By
Solange Renie
From The Studio

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Short Variety Programme. Duetists—What A Little Moonlight Can Do (film 'Road House'); Looking For A Little Bit of Blue (film 'Road House')... Layton and Johnston with Piano. Comedian—Fat Flat Fish (Sarony); The Empire Party Song (Sarony)... Leslie Sarony with Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—"The Debut of Buttling Ukrige". A P. G. Woodhouse story.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Mark Weber and His Orchestra. Czardas From "The Spirit of the Voyage" (Grossmann). Suite Orientale (Poppy).
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Harp Recital by Solange Renie. 1. Contemplation (Renie).

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M. 9.52 Megacycles

2. Deux Chansons Populaires Francaises (Czandjany)—(a) Le Petit Roi d'Yvetot; (b) Il etait une bergerie.
3. Marguerite douloureuse au Rouet (Zabel).
4. La Source (Zabel).
8.35 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra. Soliloquy (Murray). Gipsy Melody (Nelson & Knight). Prelude (Haydn Wood). For Love of You (from the film).
8.50 p.m.—Talk on "Canada and the Empire Air Training Scheme" Recorded by Captain Harold Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air.
9.05 p.m.—Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Vive La France"—4. The fourth of a series on the Life of the French Army and People.
9.45 p.m.—Georges Thill (Tenor) in a French Programme. L'Attaque Du Moulin—Adieux a la foret (Breneau)... Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Marche Herolique De Szabady (Massenet).

... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards, by Lieut. J. C. Windram. Paysage (Theuriet and Hahn). Si Mes Vers Avalent Des Ailes (Hugo Hahn)... Ninon Vallin (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Thais—Meditation (Massenet) ... Mis Elman (Violin) with Piano. Clair De Lune (Faure & Verlaine). Serenade Toscane (Faure & Bussine)... Georges Thill (Tenor) with Maurice Faure at the Piano.
10.10 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

Children's Hour
and a French Programme

ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR R.E.

Royal Engineers beat Royal Army Ordnance Corps by four wickets in the final Army Small Units Knockout Competition at Sookunpoo yesterday.

R.A.O.C.

Capt. Bridge, b Parsons	7
S. Cdr. Gardner, c Pope, b Denyer	20
Pte. Reynolds, c Tropp, b Parsons	0
Cpl. Boocock, b Megson	31
Sgt. Munton, run out	8
S/Sgt. Emberson, b Denyer	0
Cpl. Jeffrey, lbw., b Megson	10
Pte. Stoner, c Bailey, b Megson	2
Sgt. Vauguiau, b Megson	0
Pte. Stephens, b Denyer	1
Pte. Pinder, not out	4
Extras (B6, NE1)	7
Total	90
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. R. W.	
Megson	7.7 0 20 4
Shipp	5 1 13 0
Parsons	6 1 12 2
Denyer	9 2 18 3
Tropp	1 0 20 0

R.E.

Capt. Freeman, not out	43
Spr. Pelham, c Gardner, b Emberson	2
Sgt. Megson, c Gardner, b Boocock	15
Spr. Bailey, lbw., b Emberson	10
Sgt. Denyer, b Emberson	4
Sgt. Shipp, c Munton, b Boocock	1
Major. Parsons, lbw., b Boocock	0
Spr. Tropp, not out	11
Extras (W2, B8, LB1)	11
Total (for 6 wkt.)	97

Sgt. Carpenter, Spr. Goss and Lieut. Pope did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.	
Boocock	11 1 41 3
Emberson	12 1 43 3
Reynolds	1 0 2 0

HOLIDAY CRICKET

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club in a friendly two-day fixture on Friday and Saturday, against Captain Grose's eleven at Chater Road: T. A. Pearce (Capt.), G. G. Aitkenhead, D. I. Bosanghet, D. G. Day, B. C. Fa, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, Owen-Hughes, A. K. Mackenzie, J. L. Pearce and J. Robinson.

Play in the above match will commence at 12 noon on Friday and 11.30 a.m. Saturday.

SIGNALS WIN

At the Bowling Alleys yesterday the Royal Signals beat U.S.S. Edsall by 486 in a 10-pin match. T. Clark and J. R. Vicks acted as substitute for absent players.

ROYAL SIGNALS

H. Blount	212 153 165 165 168 8
J. H. Watts	152 176 164 147 168 8
G. Somerville	123 157 149 144 161 7
D. J. Hall	128 136 104 122 123 6

Total 3.0

U.S.S. EDSALL	
T. Clark	141 213 156 104 144 76
J. R. Vicks	178 92 107 135 118 63
J. Lebzelter	105 135 114 150 116 62
J. Herron	100 76 106 113 126 52

Total 2.50

CHINA'S TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent China in the final of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup against Scotland at Sookunpoo on Monday, at 4 p.m.: Cheung Wing-choi; Lee Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai; Leung Wing-chiu; Hsu King-sing (Capt.) and Soong Ling-sing; Chung Yung-sum; Fung King-cheong; Chan Tak-fai; La Shiu-wing and Hau Ching-to.

Reserves—Tam Kwan-kon, Tsang Chung-wan, Hau-Yung-sang, Lo Wai-kuen, Tsui Kam-hung, Ip Pak-wah, Cheuk Shek-kam, Cheung Kam-hoi and Yeung Shui-yick.

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♥ K x x x
♦ Q J x
♣ x

The bidding:

Matier	You	Jacoby	Burnstone
Pass	Pass	Pass	14
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Your correct response is one spade. You have passed a fine hand, but have only a singleton in the suit your partner has bid.

Score 100% for one spade, 40% for two spades, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 364

Oswald Jacoby is your partner today and you hold:

♦ K J x x x x
♥ x x x x
♦ x
♣ x

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schaken	You	Matier
INT.	Pass	(?)	
What did you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)			

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 26th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.						
1	Inland Lot No. 5748.	Opposite Inland Lot No. 2336, Tsoi Tak Street, Wong Nei Chung.					About 3,470	\$64	\$10,410
		As per sale plan							



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.						
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4237.	Near Kowloon Island Lot No. 3386, Nathan Road, Kowloon.							
		As per Sale Plan					About 2,860	\$52	\$2,700



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.						
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2774.	Junction of Shun Ning Road & Kiu Kiang Street, Shamshui Po.							
		As per sale plan					About 5,200	\$72	\$5,200

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M. REYNAUD'S EFFORTS TO FORM CABINET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT ALBERT LEBRUN, AFTER RECEIVING PREMIER M. DALADIER'S RESIGNATION, ASKED HIM TO FORM A NEW CABINET BUT M. DALADIER REFUSED, ARGUING "PARLIAMENTARY TRADITION."

President Lebrun then called M. Paul Reynaud, Finance Minister in the Daladier Cabinet, and offered him the task of forming a new government. M. Reynaud refused a definite answer but started consultations immediately, receiving the Colonies Minister, M. Georges Mandel, with whom he conferred till late last night.

Upon leaving the Elysee Palace late at night, M. Daladier told the press he would shortly issue a communiqué on the Cabinet's resignation.

Meanwhile, political circles are of opinion that M. Daladier's reference to "parliamentary traditions" as preventing him from forming a new Cabinet, indicates that he did not obtain a sufficient majority in the recent parliamentary vote.

The Premier's prestige has in no way diminished and an important portfolio will be offered him in the new government. However, according to those close to M. Daladier, the ex-Premier expressed the desire to take a much needed rest and might refuse a

post of enormous responsibility such as the War Ministry.

CHOICE APPROVED

Political circles and parliamentarians greeted most favourably President Lebrun's choice of M. Reynaud for the Premiership.

A diminutive fighting statesman, Paul Reynaud is a member of the centrist group "Gauche Républicaine." He is a Deputy for Paris and a specialist in financial questions.

Several times, as Finance Minister, he has been responsible for important financial reforms. Since the war began he has been known as "the administrator of the war." — Havas.



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Leaving the Star Ferry Wharf on Kowloon side at 2.30 p.m. the ferry launch "Golden Star" rammed a junk, which was badly damaged.

Life-belts were thrown by the passengers to the junk people who were swimming in the water after the junk capsized.

A police launch and several other craft assisted, in the rescue.

The submerged junk was later towed away by another junk.

The ferry boat suffered no damage and continued its journey to the Island after a delay of some 15 minutes.

Hong Kong's upward trend in trade noted in January continued last month, the total exceeding \$95,000,000, \$22,000,000 higher than last year. Imports were valued at \$53,000,000 (\$36.8 millions last year) and exports at \$42,200,000 (\$36,500,000 last year).

In the first two months, imports totalled \$122,600,000 compared with \$77,500,000 last year, and exports reached a value of \$104,200,000 compared with \$76,700,000.

A good deal of the increase, however, is covered by higher price levels.

The public are reminded that a series of blackout exercises will be held on the 11th/12th April, 1940. At the recent blackout, it was apparent that a good many motor drivers were not conversant either with the lighting control regulations or with the methods which should be employed to obscure motor car lights.

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that a demonstration will be held at A.R.P. Headquarters, Lower Albert Road, at 3 p.m. on Thursday next.

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DEATH

Li.—On Wednesday, March 20, 1940, at the Queen Mary Hospital, Mr. Li Chor Chi, aged 62 years. Funeral to-day, the cortège leaving Brown, Jones Funeral Parlors, 43 Morrison Hill Road, Happy Valley, at 4.30, the interment to take place at the Chinese Christians Cemetery, Pokfulam, at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, friends are requested to send donations in aid of the Chungshan Refugees Fund c/o Oversea Chinese Bank.

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